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THE CHASE: PART TWO

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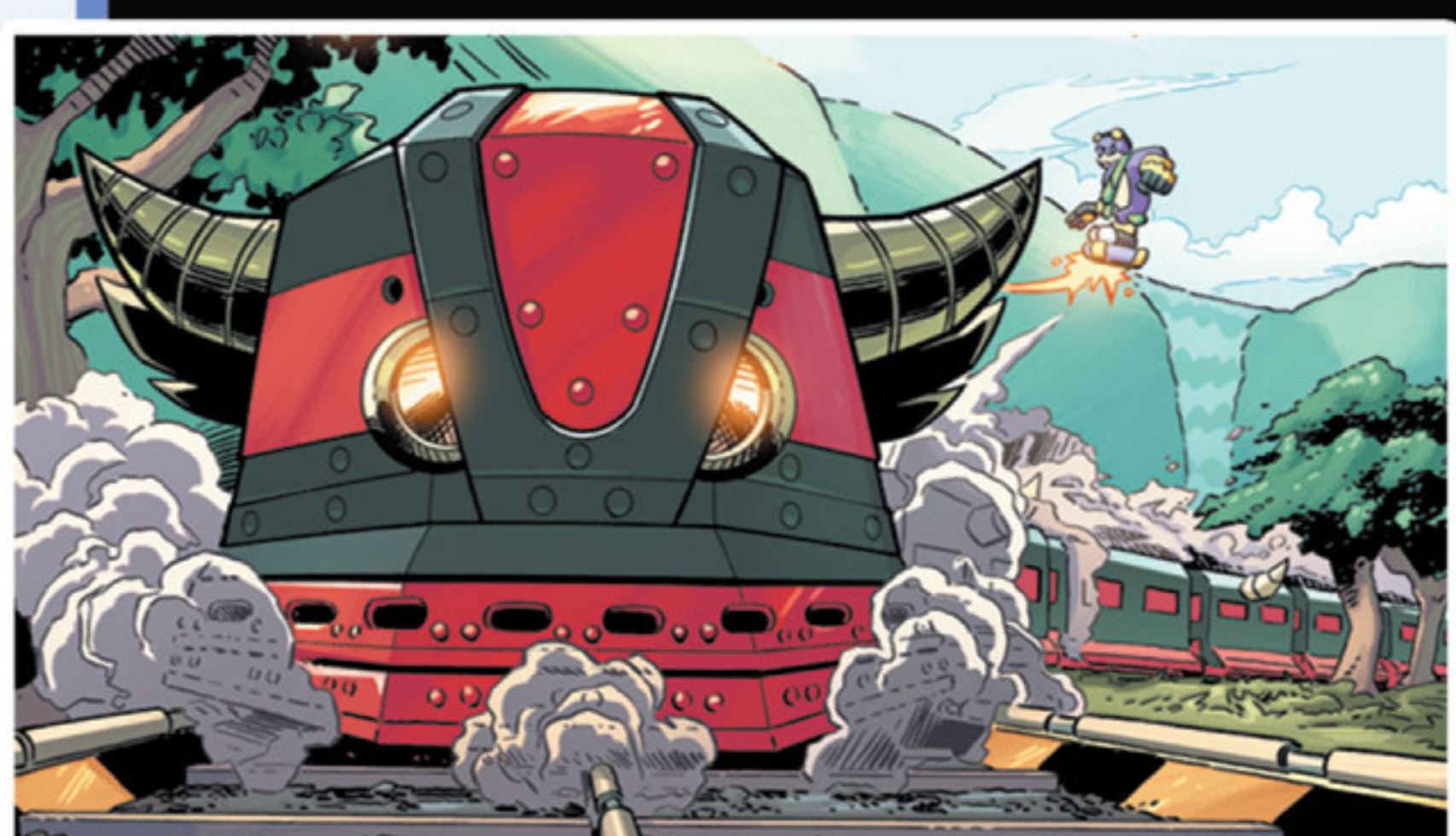
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PREVIOUSLY...

RESCUE MISSION MAYHEM!

The Shattered World Crisis is upon us! Thanks to the mad schemes of Dr. Eggman, Sonic's world has been cracked to pieces! The planet's crust now exists as a series of floating continents!

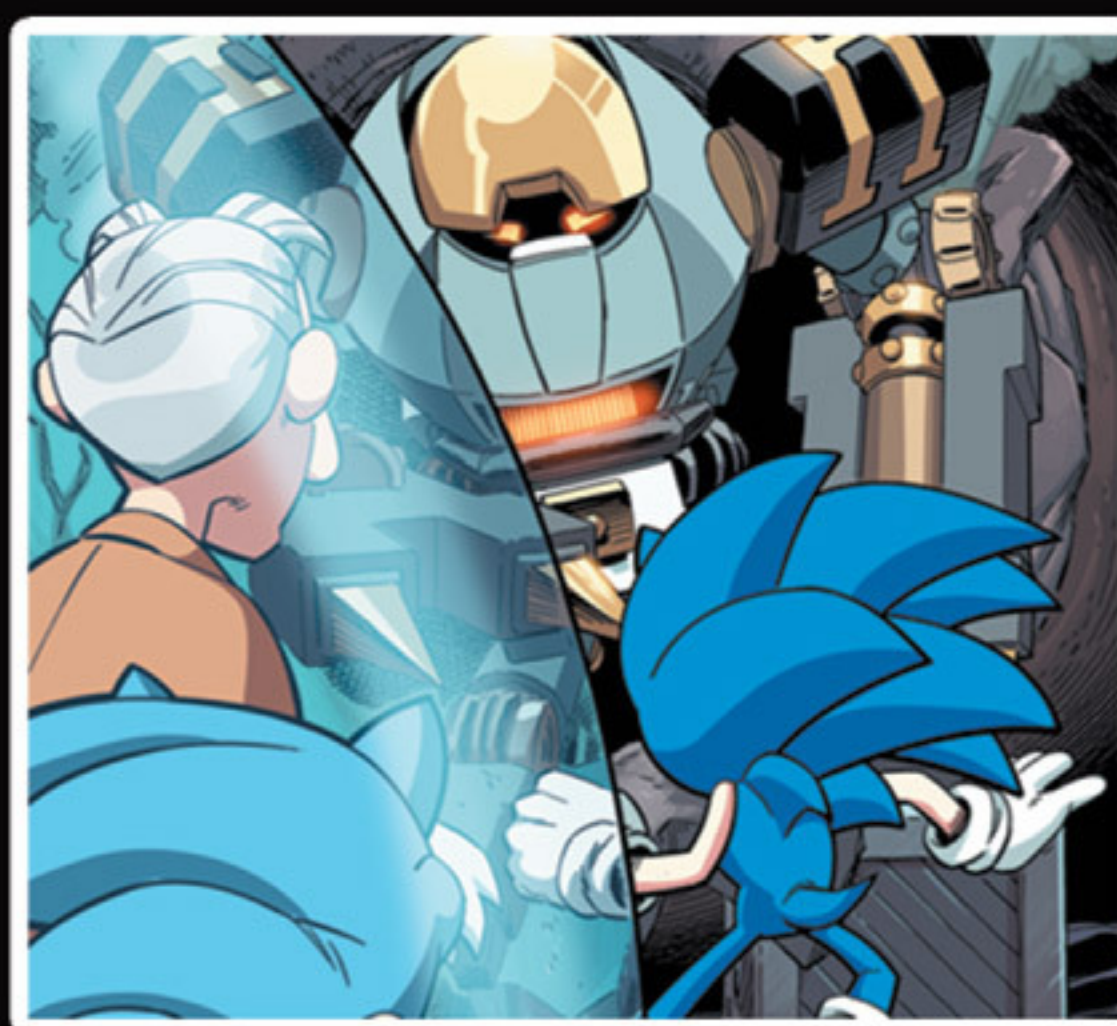


Sonic and the Freedom Fighters rushed to the rescue, boarding the train carrying the professors and their work.

But now the train is speeding out of control, and Sonic has come face to face with the deadly super-badnik, E-106 Eta...



In an effort to learn more about the state of the world, Dr. Eggman had one of his Badnik Hordes kidnap Professors Pickle and Charles the Hedgehog, as well as steal all their research.



WHO'S WHO



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
FASTEST THING ALIVE



PROF. CHARLES THE HEDGEHOG
ADVENTURING SCIENTIST



PROF. PICKLE
HISTORICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST



E-106 ETA
HORDE COMMANDER

HEY KIDS!

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SOLEANNA
FOREST ZONE.

ABOARD A BULLET TRAIN
BOUND TO RAIL CANYON
ZONE...

PROF. PICKLE
BRILLIANT
BUT ALOOF

PROF. CHARLES
"UNCLE CHUCK"
TO MOST

SONIC
OUR HERO

SWING
AND A
MISS!

E-106 ETA
BADNIK HORDE
COMMANDER

INFINITE



CAREFUL,
SONIC! THAT'S
ONE OF EGG-
MAN'S SUPER-
BADNIKS!

CLANG!

YEAH-YEAH-
YEAH, I'VE
TANGLED WITH
THESE E-100
MOOKS
BEFORE.*

*SONIC ADVENTURE
DX & SONIC HEROES--
THE GAMES.

I'M GUESS-
ING YOU'RE
NOT GOING TO
RANDOMLY
"TURN
GOOD,"
HUH?

Y'KNOW, I
WOULDN'T
MIND SOME
BACKUP
FROM MY
TEAM!

KA-THUNK!



HE DEVOTED
AN ENTIRE
TRAIN CAR TO
A FOOSBALL
TABLE?

AMY-ROSE
HAMMER-
WIELDING
HEROINE

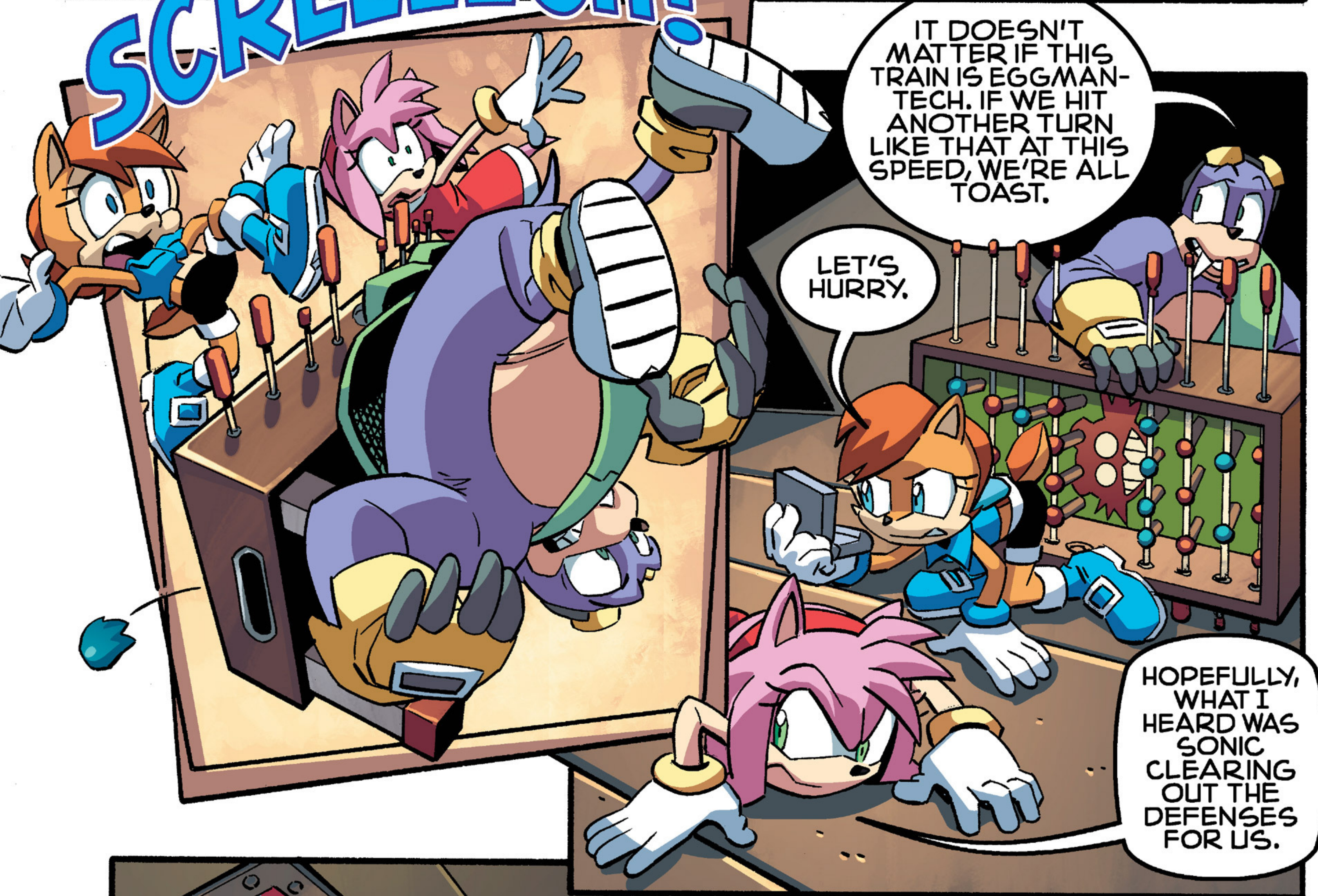
OH, GROSS!
THE FOOSBALL
IS SHAPED LIKE
SONIC'S HEAD!

GUYS?
I THINK
I HEAR FIGHT-
ING IN THE NEXT
CAR...

SALLY ACORN
TEAM LEADER

ROTOR
BATTLE-
MECHANIC

SCREEEECH!



IT DOESN'T
MATTER IF THIS
TRAIN IS EGGMAN-
TECH. IF WE HIT
ANOTHER TURN
LIKE THAT AT THIS
SPEED, WE'RE ALL
TOAST.

LET'S
HURRY.

HOPEFULLY,
WHAT I
HEARD WAS
SONIC
CLEARING
OUT THE
DEFENSES
FOR US.



SPEAKING OF
WHICH...SALLY
TO AIR SUPPORT.
TAILS? ANTOINE?
BUNNIE? DOES
ANYBODY
COPY?

IN THE SKIES
ABOVE...

THE TORNADO
SOUPED-UP
BIPLANE

BIAM! BIAM!
BIAM!

BUNNIE
CYBORG

THANKS,
BLINNIE!

SHO' NUFF,
SUGAR.

TAILS
YOUNG
GENIUS

WE'RE DEALIN' WITH A
SWARM OF BADNIKS,
SALLY-GIRL, AND AH'M
ABOUT ALL TUCKERED
OUT.

COPY THAT, BLINNIE.
DON'T OVEREXERT
YOURSELF, TORNADO
AND TWISTER.
--TAKE CARE OF THE
BADNIKS ON THE
DOUBLE. I THINK
WE'VE FOUND THE
PROFESSORS, SO
WE'RE GOING TO NEED
A PICK-UP SOON!

KAT-HUNKITA-KAT-HUNKITA-KAT-HUNKITA!

THAT'S IT, SONNY-BOY! RUN RINGS AROUND IT!

GRACIOUS! SUCH A SURLY MECHANICAL PORTER! DO NOT TIP HIM, M'BOY!

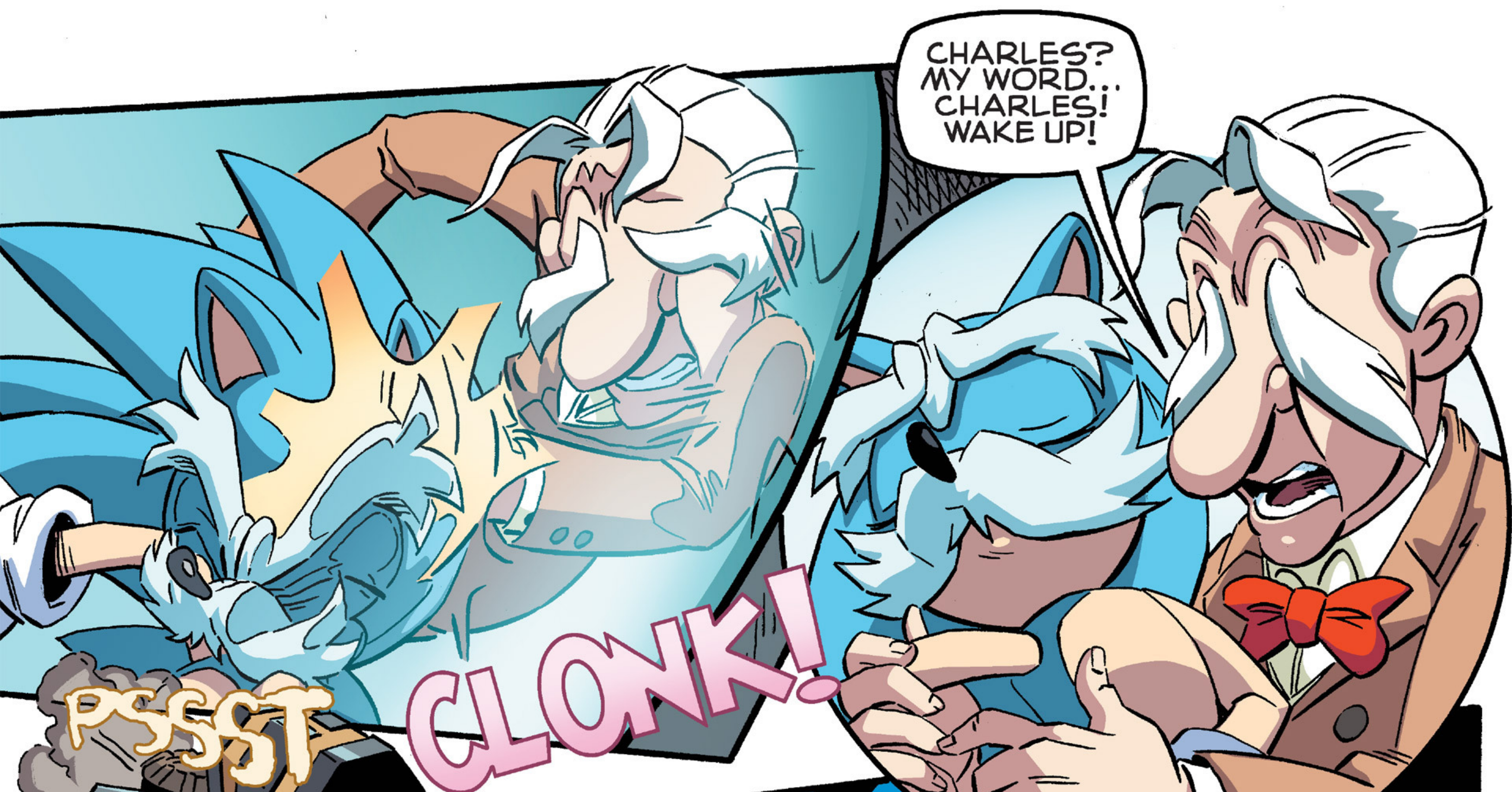
IF I DON'T TAKE THIS THING OUT NOW, IT'S GOING TO PUNCH THIS TRAIN CAR TO PIECES...

BUT I'VE GOT NO ROOM TO GET ANY MOMENTUM!

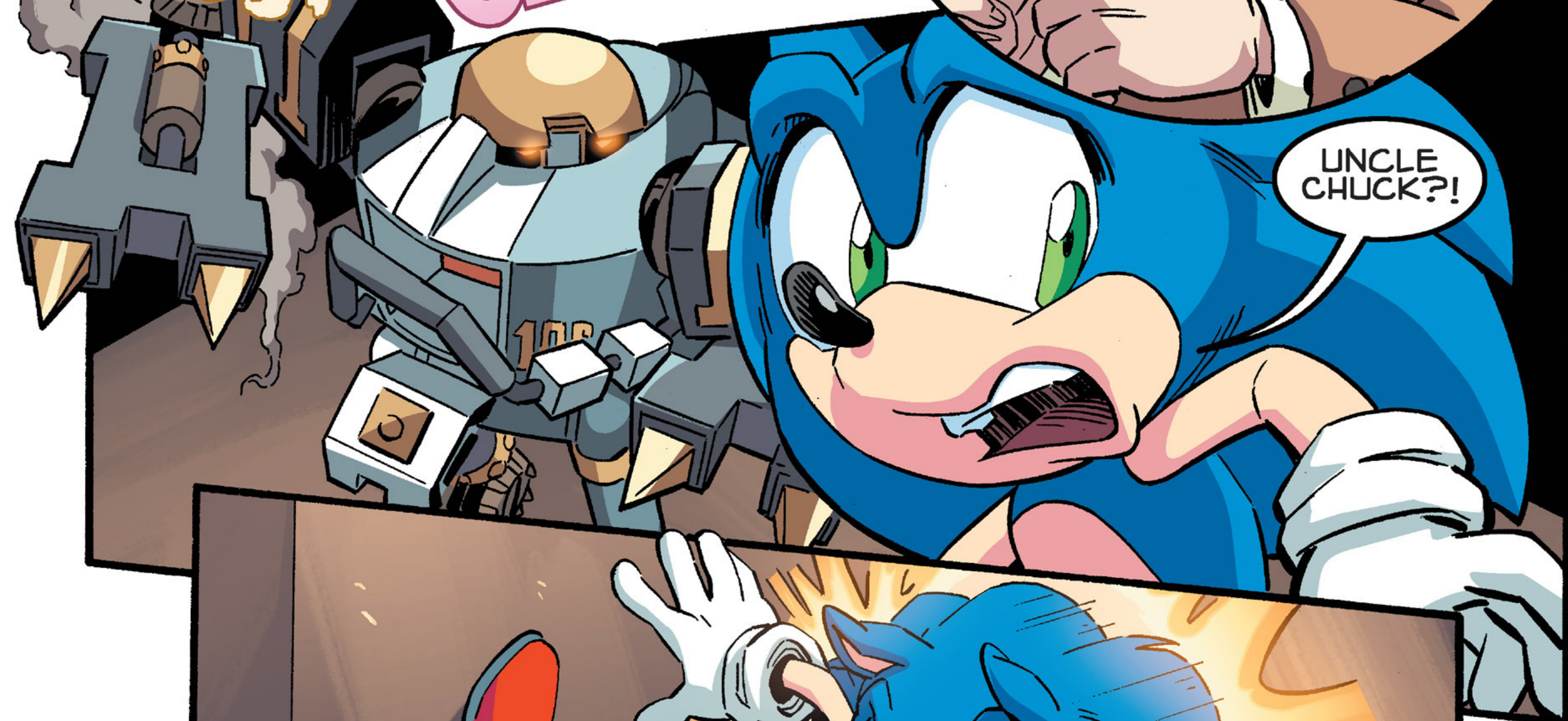
AND IF I GET TOO RECKLESS, CHUCK AND THE OLD DUDE MIGHT GET SMASHED BY THIS CRAZY--

KAT-HUNK!

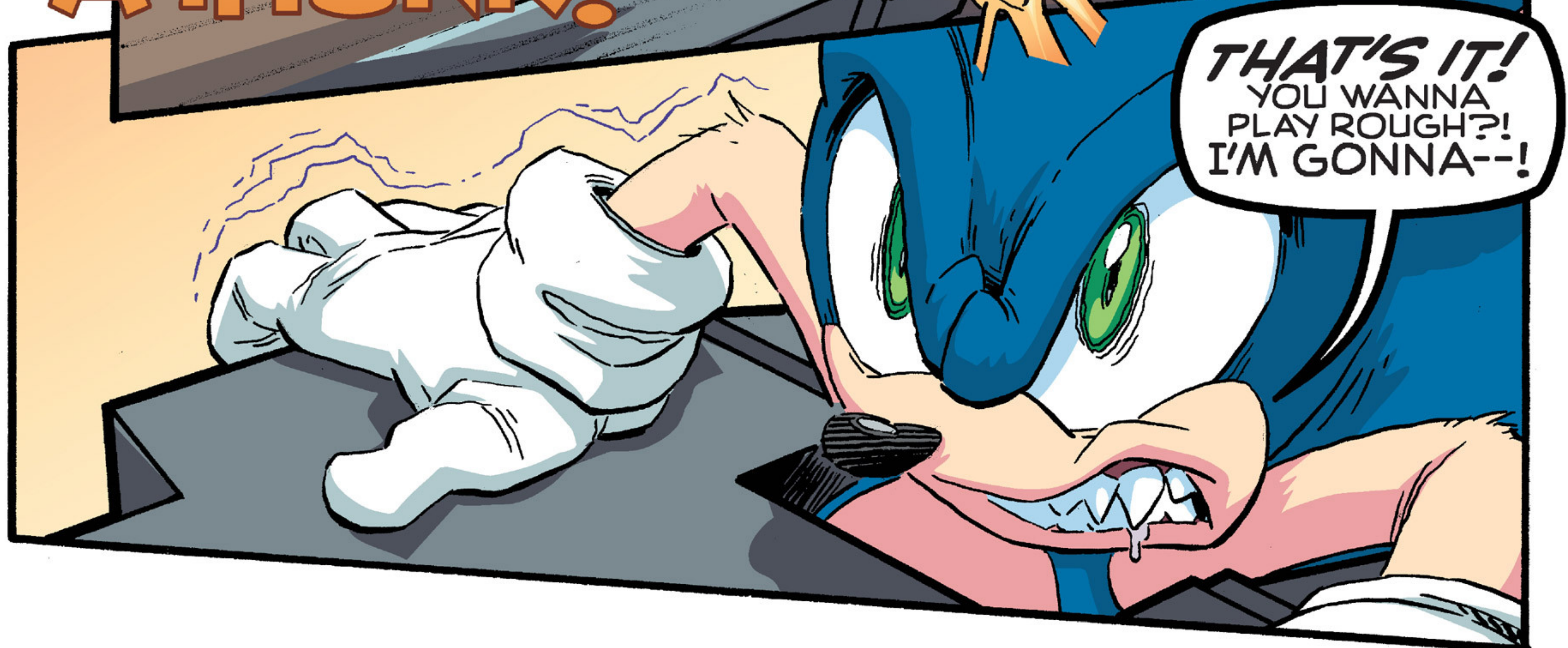
CHUCK

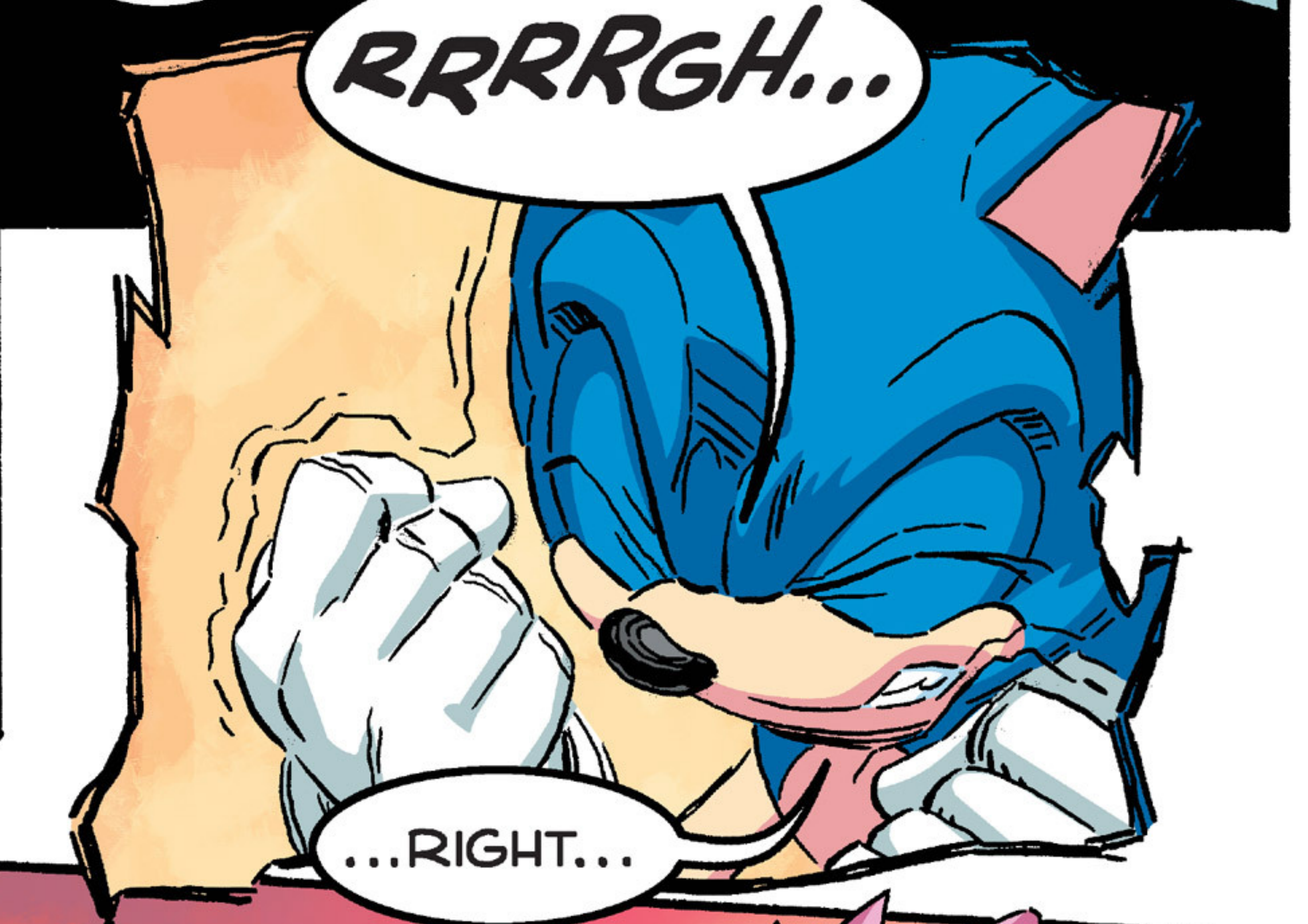


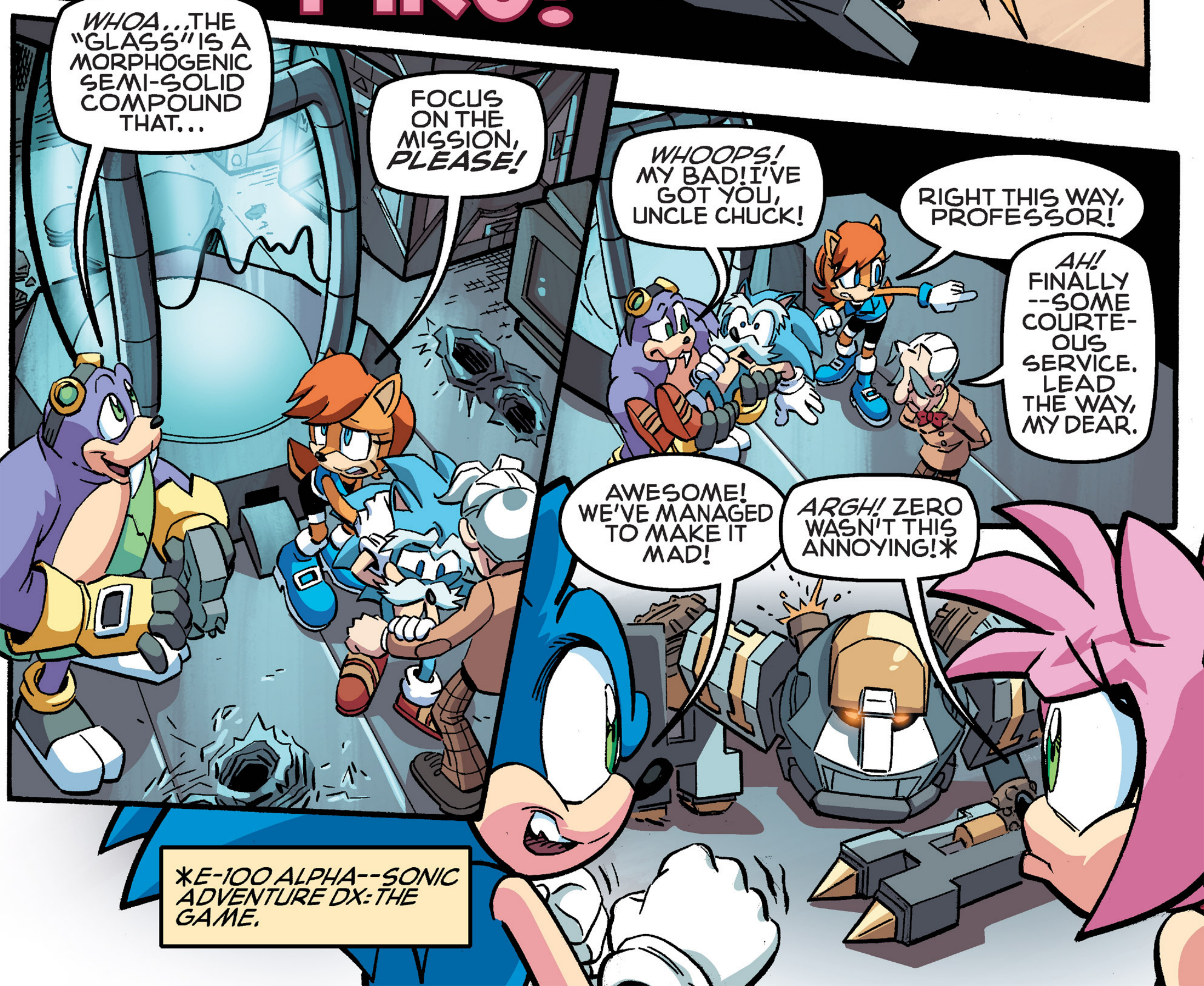
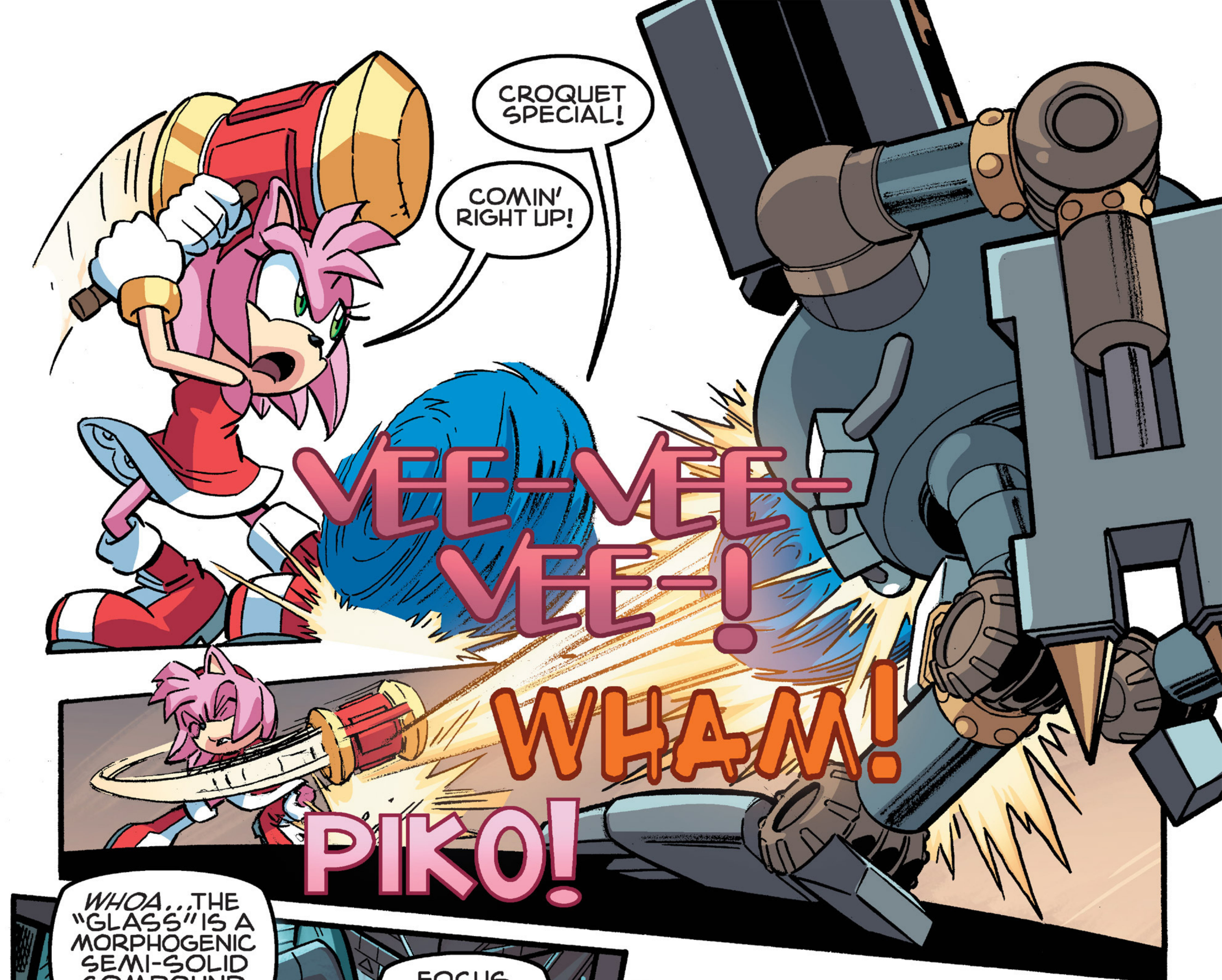
PSST CLONK!



KA-THUNK!







*E-100 ALPHA--SONIC
ADVENTURE DX:THE
GAME.



AHHH!
I CAN'T
WATCH!

PIKO!

SHRIP!

BUT
YOU'LL
MISS
ALL THE
FUN!

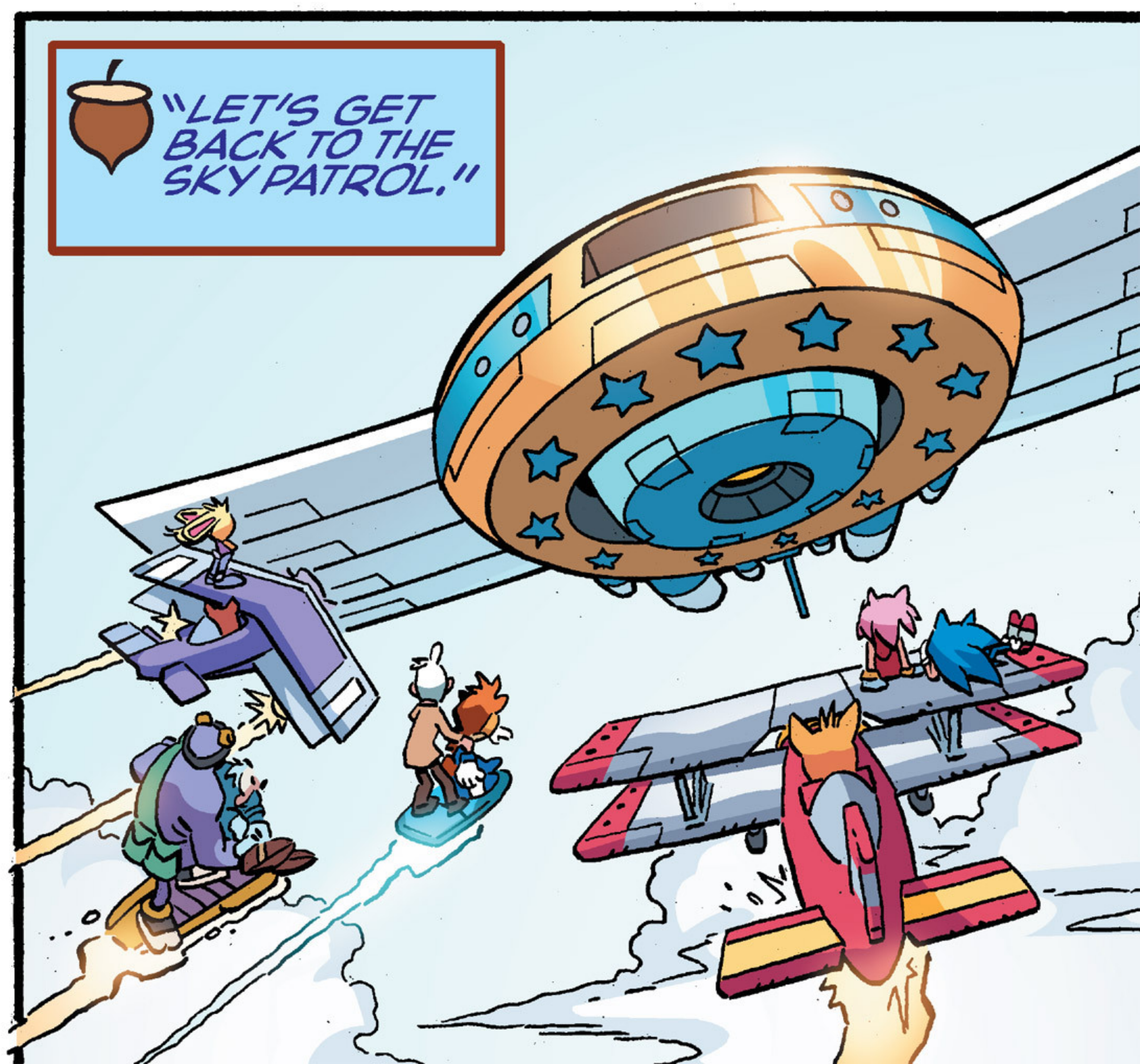
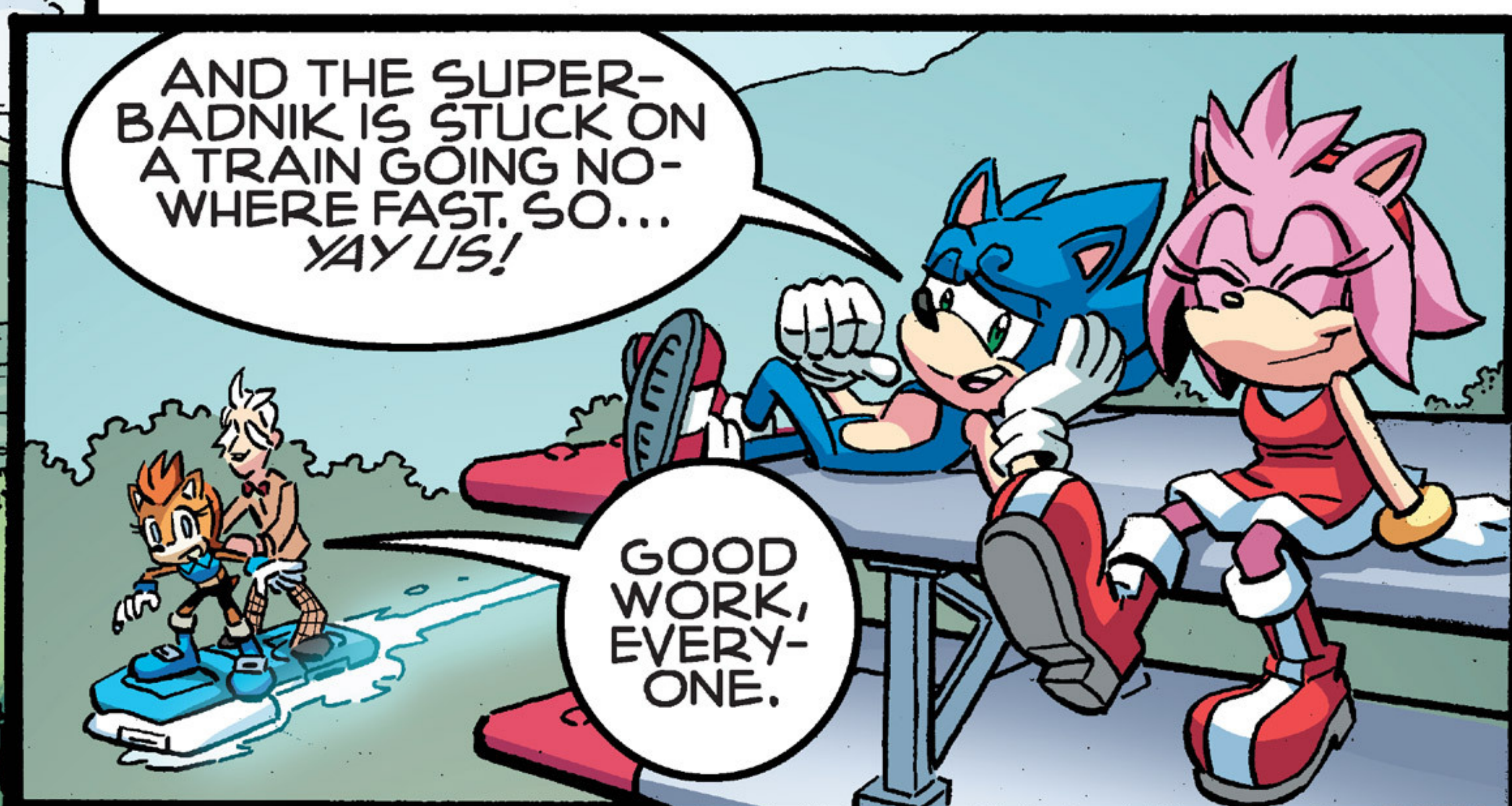
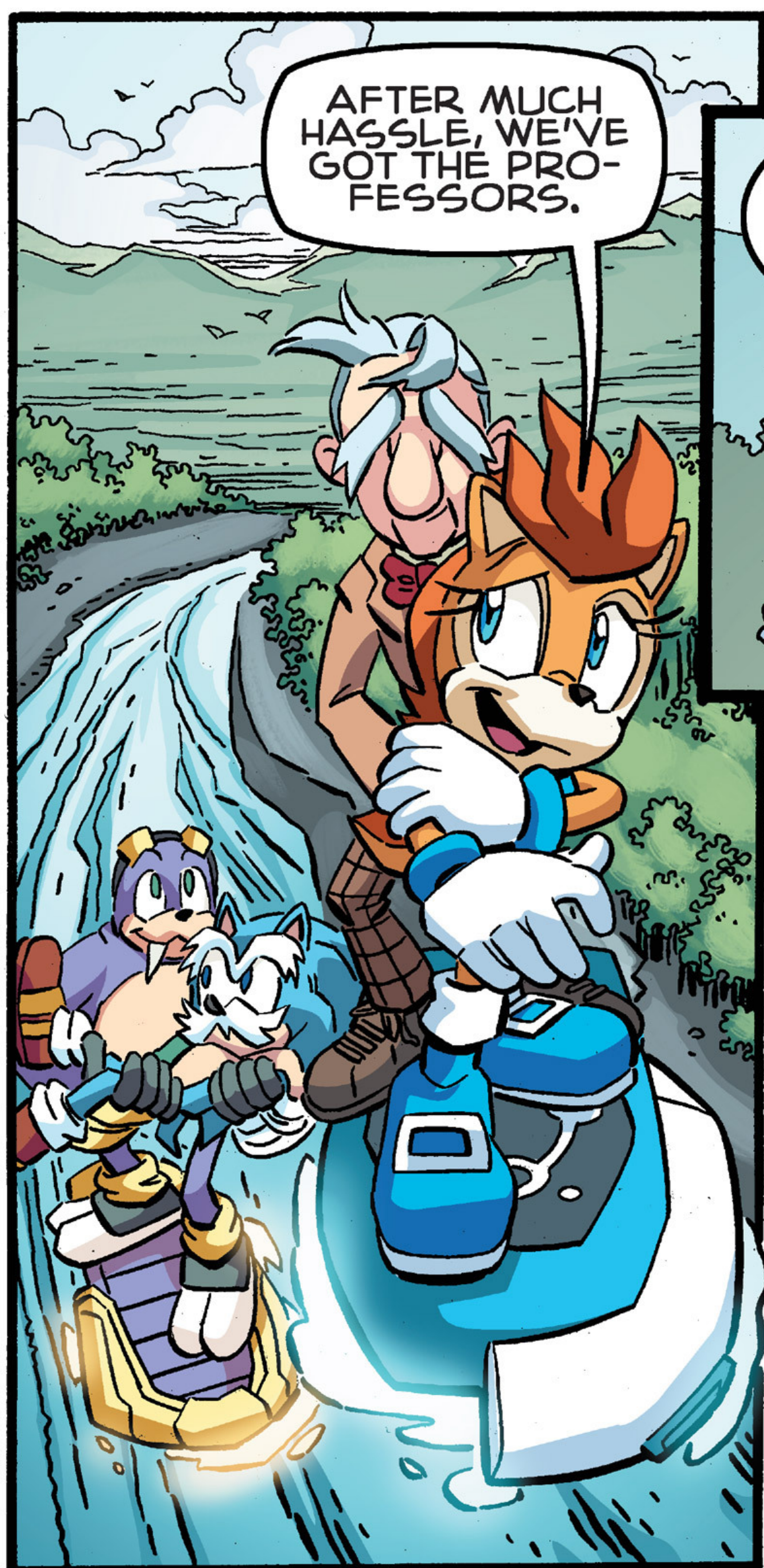
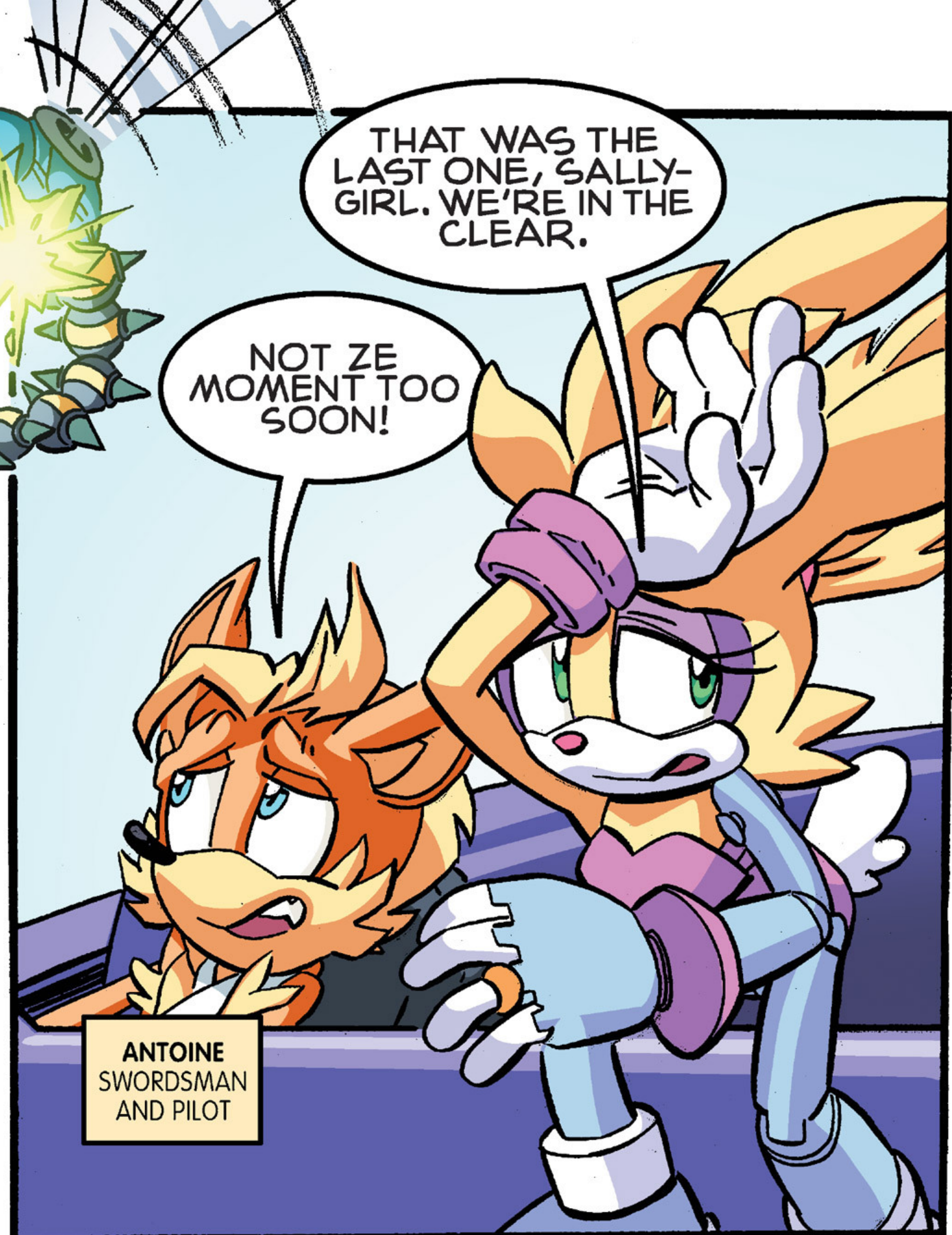
KATHUNK!

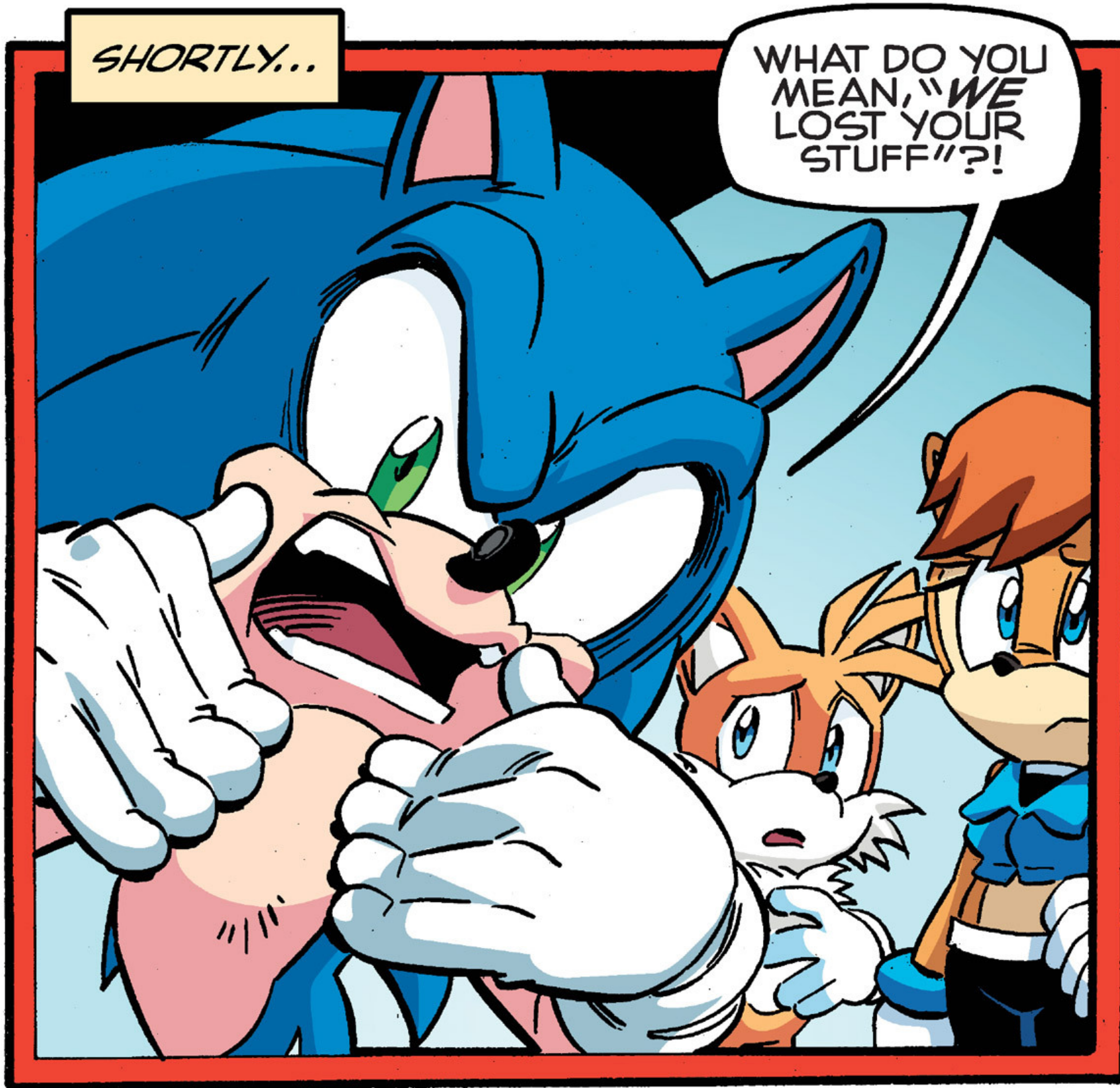
THAT...
WAS...NERVE-
WRACKING!

AND YET YOU'RE
STANDING ON THE
WINGS OF A
PLANE.

I...BUT...
SHUT UP!

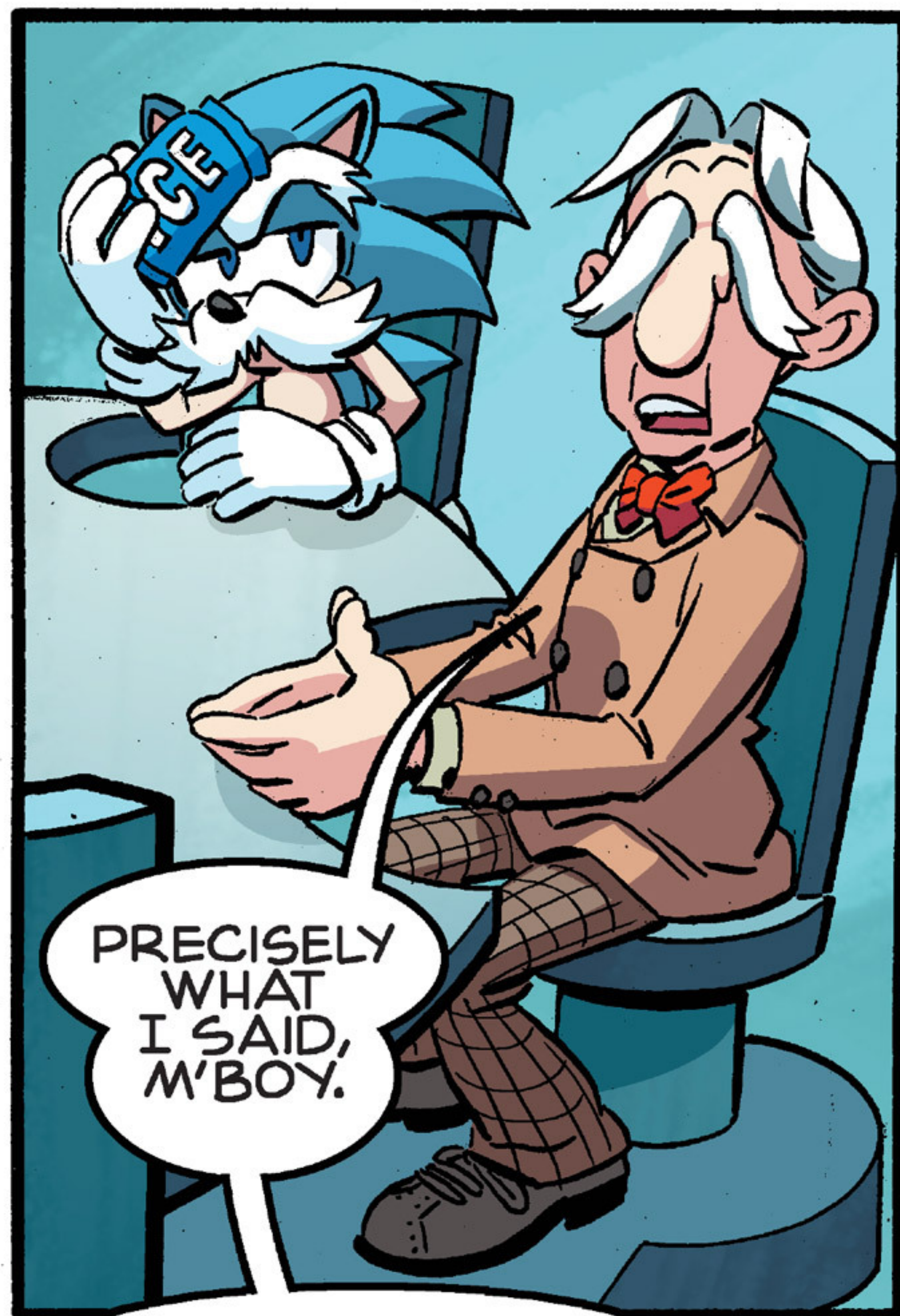
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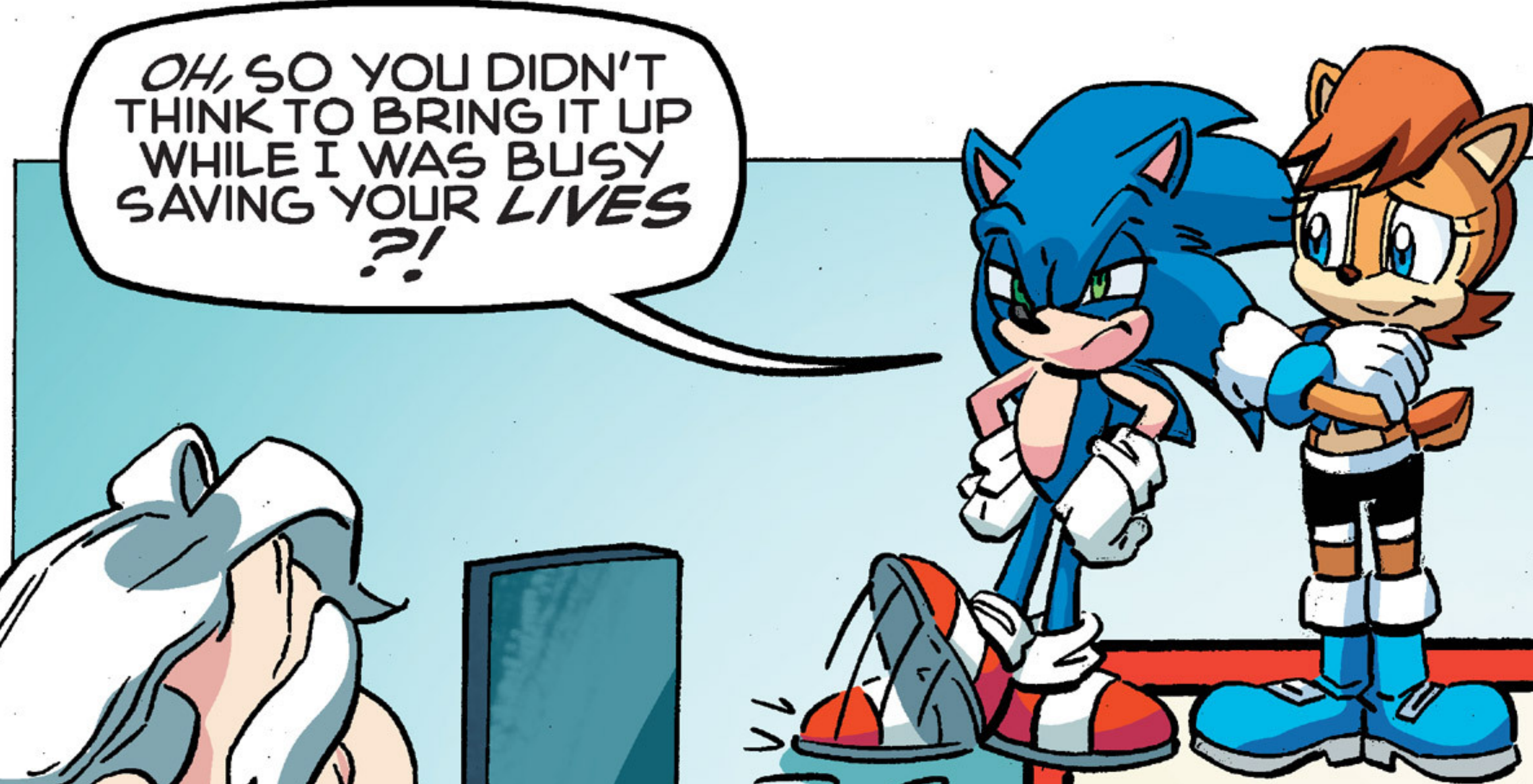
SHORTLY...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "**WE** LOST YOUR STUFF"?!



PRECISELY WHAT I SAID, M'BOY.

YOU FAILED TO RECOVER ALL THE RESEARCH MATERIAL I'D ACQUIRED, AS WELL AS ALL THE SAMPLES CHARLES HAD COLLECTED.



OH, SO YOU DIDN'T THINK TO BRING IT UP WHILE I WAS BUSY SAVING YOUR *LIVES* ?!



YOU WERE QUITE INVOLVED WITH YOUR FISTICUFFS. IT WOULD'VE BEEN RUDE TO INTERRUPT. FROM THERE, IT MUST HAVE... *MMM*, SLIPPED MY MIND.

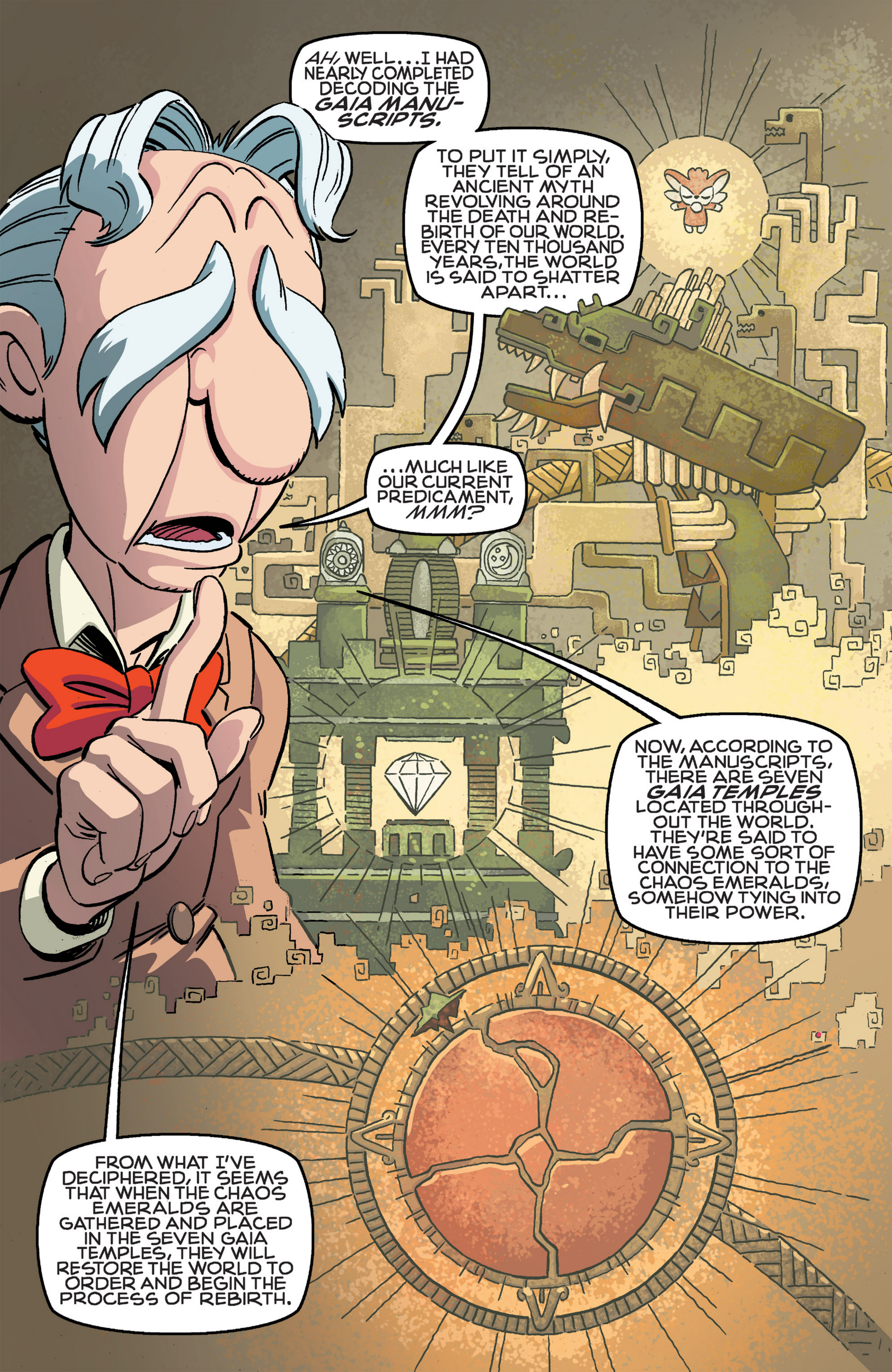
MY EXCUSE IS THAT I WAS UNCONSCIOUS.



AND THIS GUY'S SUPPOSED TO BE A "GENIUS," FOLKS...

SONIC.

PROFESSOR PICKLE --WHAT WAS IT YOU WERE RESEARCHING? WHAT DID DR. EGGMAN WANT WITH YOU?



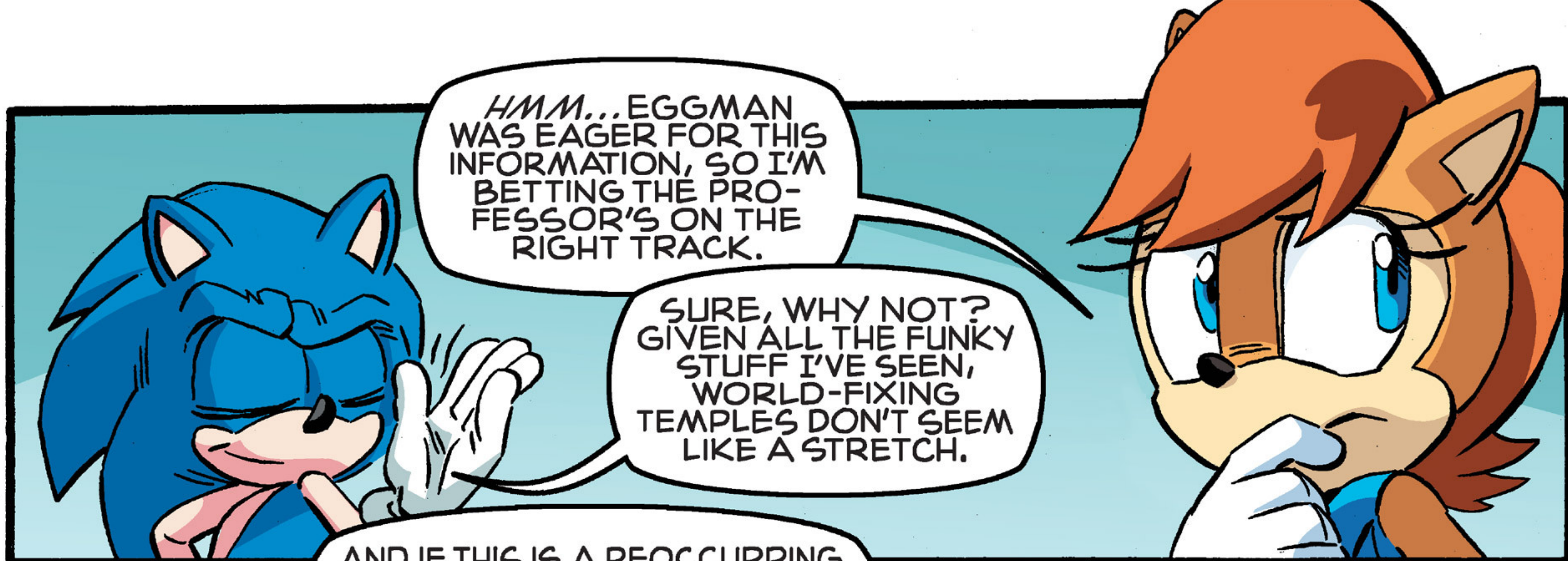
AH, WELL...I HAD
NEARLY COMPLETED
DECODING THE
**GAIA MANU-
SCRIPTS.**

TO PUT IT SIMPLY,
THEY TELL OF AN
ANCIENT MYTH
REVOLVING AROUND
THE DEATH AND RE-
BIRTH OF OUR WORLD.
EVERY TEN THOUSAND
YEARS, THE WORLD
IS SAID TO SHATTER
APART...

...MUCH LIKE
OUR CURRENT
PREDICAMENT,
MMM?

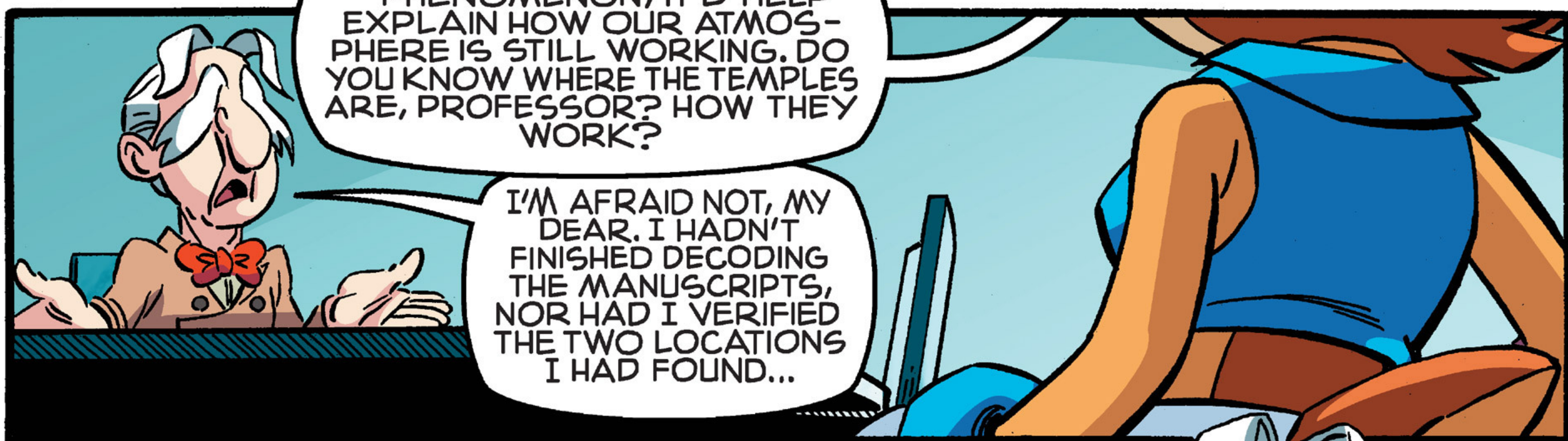
NOW, ACCORDING TO
THE MANUSCRIPTS,
THERE ARE SEVEN
GAIA TEMPLES
LOCATED THROUGH-
OUT THE WORLD.
THEY'RE SAID TO
HAVE SOME SORT OF
CONNECTION TO THE
CHAOS EMERALDS,
SOMEHOW TYING INTO
THEIR POWER.

FROM WHAT I'VE
DECIPHERED, IT SEEMS
THAT WHEN THE CHAOS
EMERALDS ARE
GATHERED AND PLACED
IN THE SEVEN GAIA
TEMPLES, THEY WILL
RESTORE THE WORLD TO
ORDER AND BEGIN THE
PROCESS OF REBIRTH.



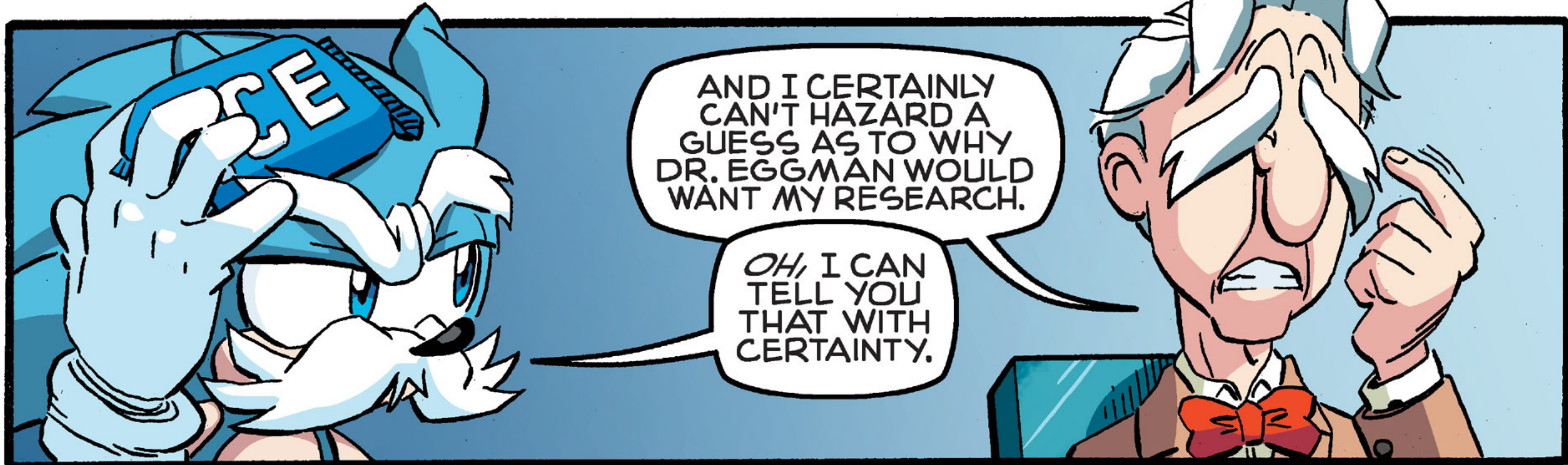
HMM... EGGMAN WAS EAGER FOR THIS INFORMATION, SO I'M BETTING THE PROFESSOR'S ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

SURE, WHY NOT? GIVEN ALL THE FUNKY STUFF I'VE SEEN, WORLD-FIXING TEMPLES DON'T SEEM LIKE A STRETCH.



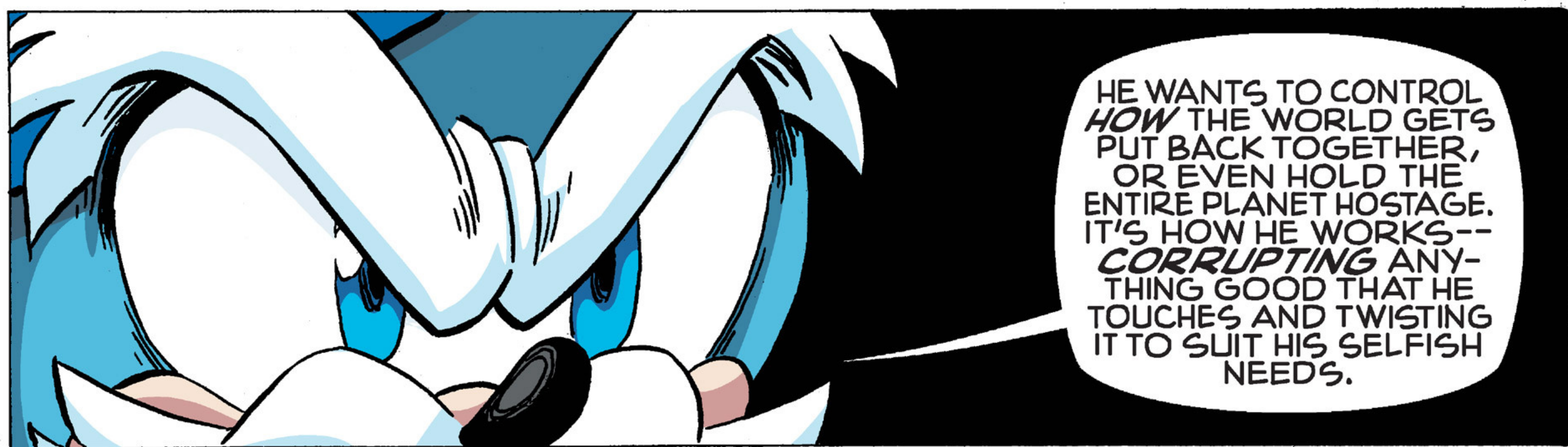
AND IF THIS IS A REOCCURRING PHENOMENON, IT'D HELP EXPLAIN HOW OUR ATMOSPHERE IS STILL WORKING. DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE TEMPLES ARE, PROFESSOR? HOW THEY WORK?

I'M AFRAID NOT, MY DEAR. I HADN'T FINISHED DECODING THE MANUSCRIPTS, NOR HAD I VERIFIED THE TWO LOCATIONS I HAD FOUND...

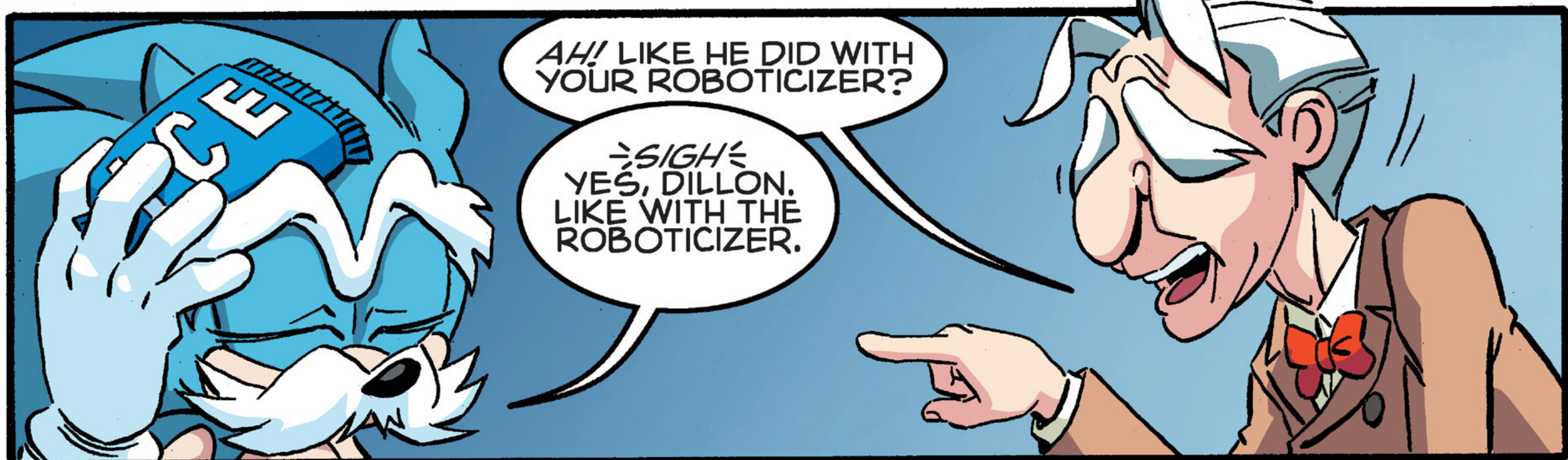


AND I CERTAINLY CAN'T HAZARD A GUESS AS TO WHY DR. EGGMAN WOULD WANT MY RESEARCH.

OH, I CAN TELL YOU THAT WITH CERTAINTY.



HE WANTS TO CONTROL *HOW* THE WORLD GETS PUT BACK TOGETHER, OR EVEN HOLD THE ENTIRE PLANET HOSTAGE. IT'S HOW HE WORKS-- **CORRUPTING** ANYTHING GOOD THAT HE TOUCHES AND TWISTING IT TO SUIT HIS SELFISH NEEDS.



AH! LIKE HE DID WITH YOUR ROBOTICIZER?

≡SIGH≡ YES, DILLON. LIKE WITH THE ROBOTICIZER.

WELL...IF THE PROFESSOR'S NOTES POINT OUT ONLY TWO OF THE TEMPLES, THAT DOESN'T GIVE EGG-MAN *THAT* MUCH OF A HEAD START.

RIGHT. AND WHILE HE'S CATCHING UP ON HIS READING, *WE* KNOW WHAT WE NEED TO BE LOOKING FOR ALREADY!

BOOYAH! SEVEN EMERALDS AND SEVEN TEMPLES!

WE'VE GOT THE SKY PATROL!

WE'VE GOT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS BACK TOGETHER!

WE'VE GOT *ME!* HOW HARD CAN IT BE?

I'LL GET IN CONTACT WITH OUR FRIENDS ABROAD AND GET THEM TO HELP IN THE SEARCH! NICOLE CAN SCAN THE EGGNET FOR ANY RELATED DATA.

I HATE TO UNDERCUT YOUR OPTIMISM, BUT THERE'S MORE.

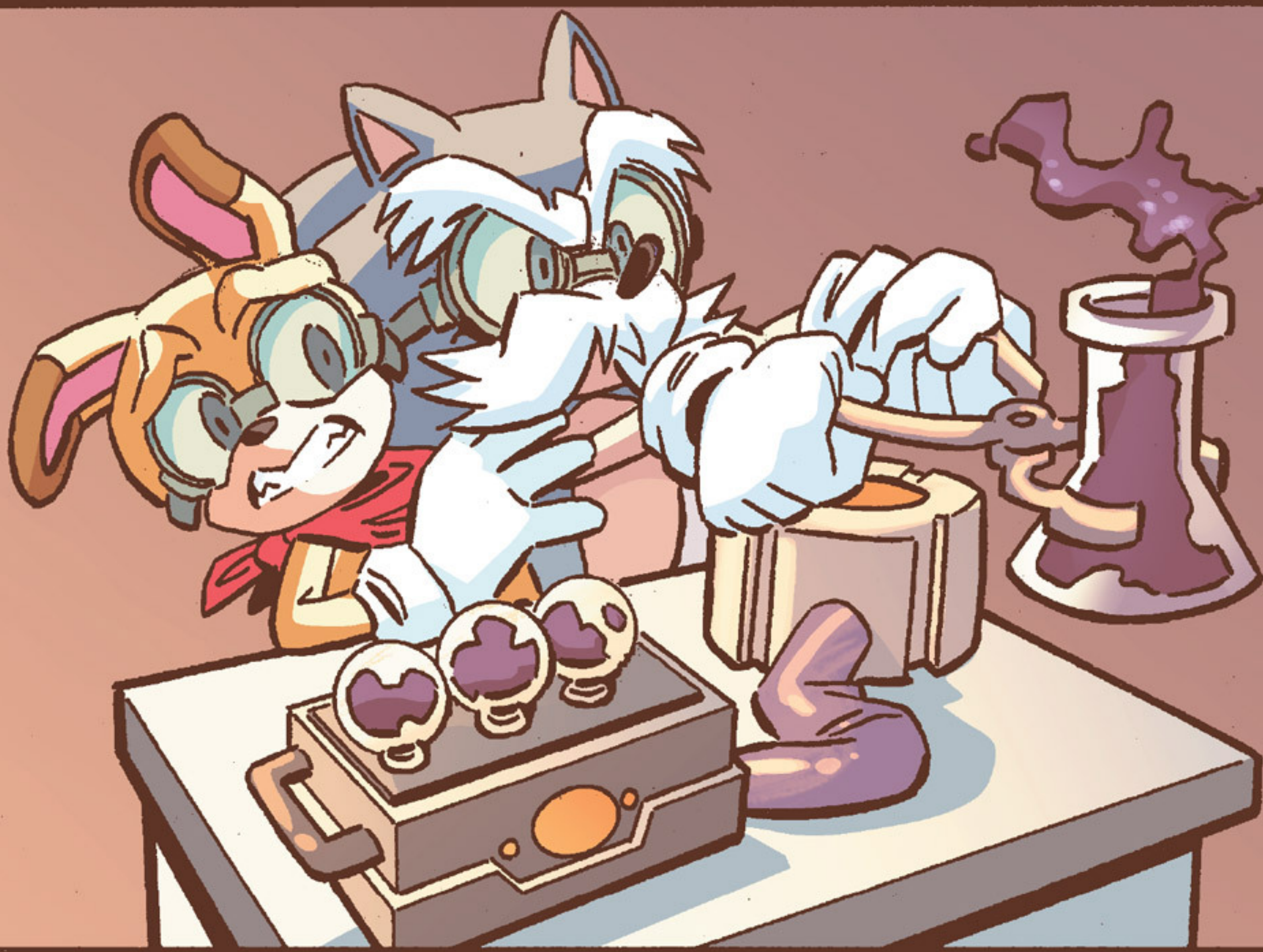
HUH? OH, RIGHT! SOMETHING ABOUT THE SAMPLES YOU TOOK FROM WOOD ZONE?*

*STH #254.

DID THE GAIA MANUSCRIPTS SAY ANYTHING ABOUT A SICKNESS COMING OUT OF THE EARTH?

HMM... ACTUALLY, I BELIEVE SO! SOMETHING ABOUT A "DARK GAIA" THAT INSTIGATED CORRUPTION AND THE SUPPOSED DESTRUCTION OF THE WORLD. A RATHER NASTY, MALEVOLENT DEITY.

"WELL, I DON'T KNOW IF ANY EVIL GODS ARE INVOLVED, BUT THE STRANGE, DARK ENERGY SEEPING OUT OF THE GROUND IS SOME **NASTY** STUFF!"



"JUST A FEW SHORT TESTS PROVED IT WAS HIGHLY DANGEROUS, CORRUPTIVE, AND HAS INCREDIBLE MUTAGENIC PROPERTIES!"

WE'RE TALKING THE POSSIBILITY OF TOTAL CELLULAR RE-WRITE.

I'M *FINE*, CHUCK. HONEST.

≥SIGH≤ ANYWAY-- BEFORE, WITH THE MINOR EARTHQUAKES, IT WAS SEEPING OUT, BUT THE CONCENTRATION SEEMED QUITE LOW.

WE'VE GOT TO FIX THINGS BEFORE WE REACH TOTAL GLOBAL SATURATION.

WITH THE WORLD AS IT IS, IT'S *POURING* OUT.

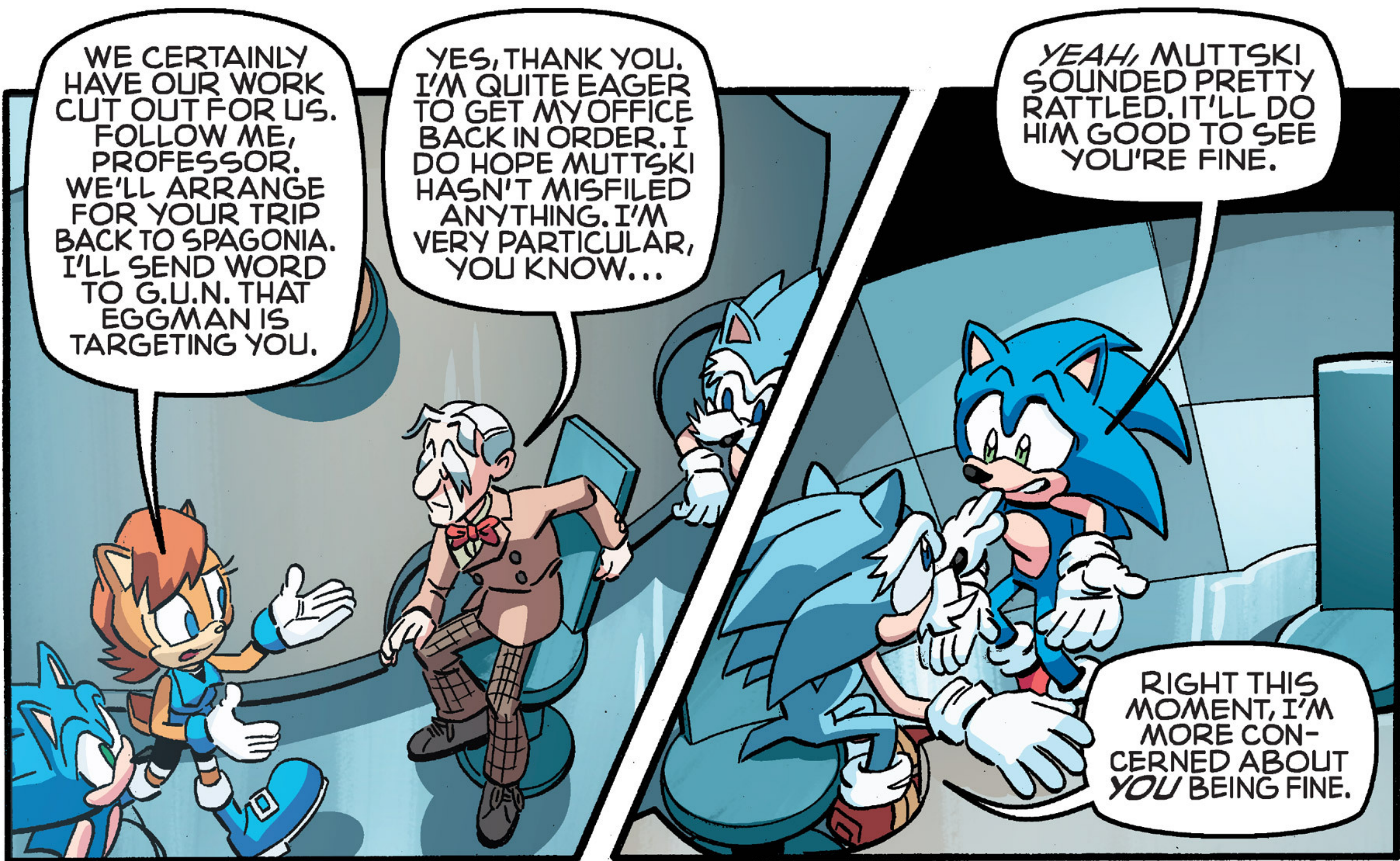
ON TOP OF THE WHOLE SHATTERED-WORLD THING.

HEY--IF ANYONE CAN HANDLE THIS KIND OF ADVENTURE, IT'S YOU.

WHY DO I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE PURPOSEFULLY LEAVING ME OUT OF THE LOOP ON SOMETHING?

IT'S *NOTHING*!

REALLY! WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF OTHER STUFF TO WORRY ABOUT RIGHT NOW, SAL.

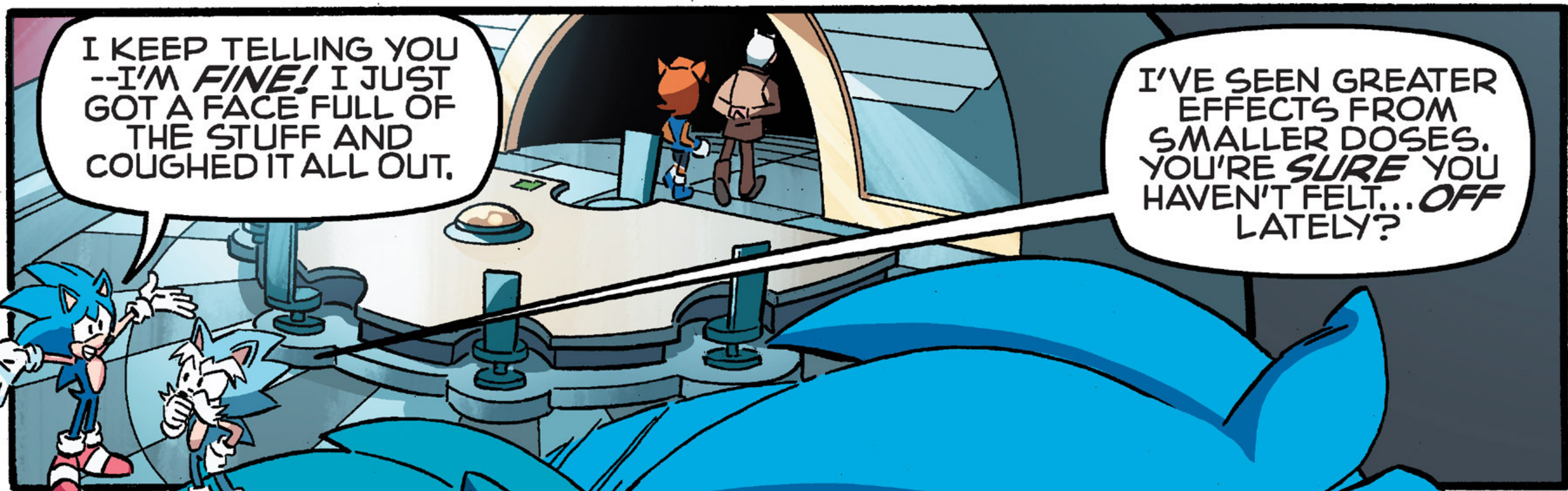


WE CERTAINLY HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US. FOLLOW ME, PROFESSOR. WE'LL ARRANGE FOR YOUR TRIP BACK TO SPAGONIA. I'LL SEND WORD TO G.U.N. THAT EGGMAN IS TARGETING YOU.

YES, THANK YOU. I'M QUITE EAGER TO GET MY OFFICE BACK IN ORDER. I DO HOPE MUTTSKI HASN'T MISFILED ANYTHING. I'M VERY PARTICULAR, YOU KNOW...

YEAH, MUTTSKI SOUNDED PRETTY RATTLED. IT'LL DO HIM GOOD TO SEE YOU'RE FINE.

RIGHT THIS MOMENT, I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT *YOU* BEING FINE.



I KEEP TELLING YOU --I'M *FINE!* I JUST GOT A FACE FULL OF THE STUFF AND COUGHED IT ALL OUT.

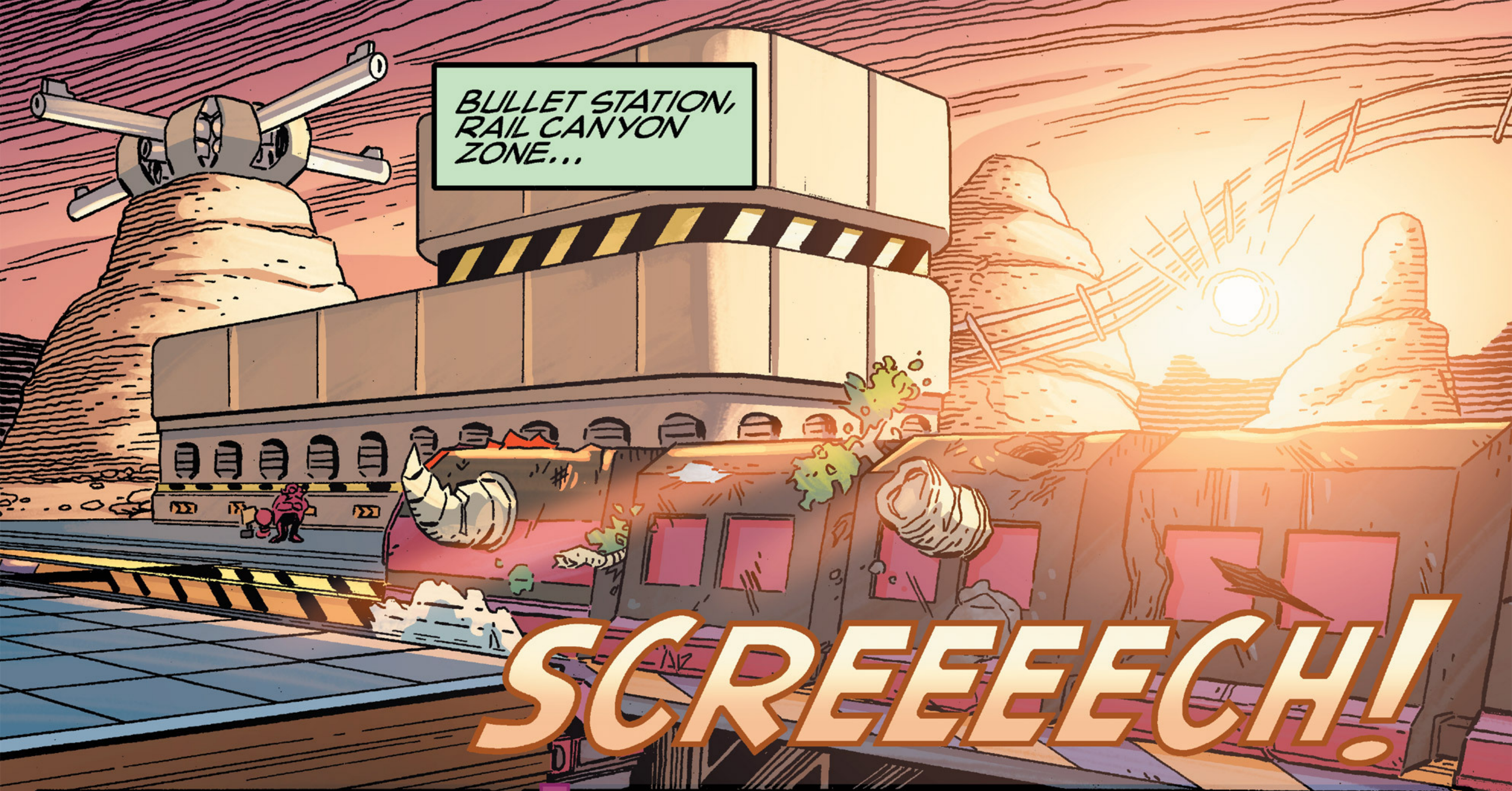
I'VE SEEN GREATER EFFECTS FROM SMALLER DOSES. YOU'RE *SURE* YOU HAVEN'T FELT... *OFF* LATELY?

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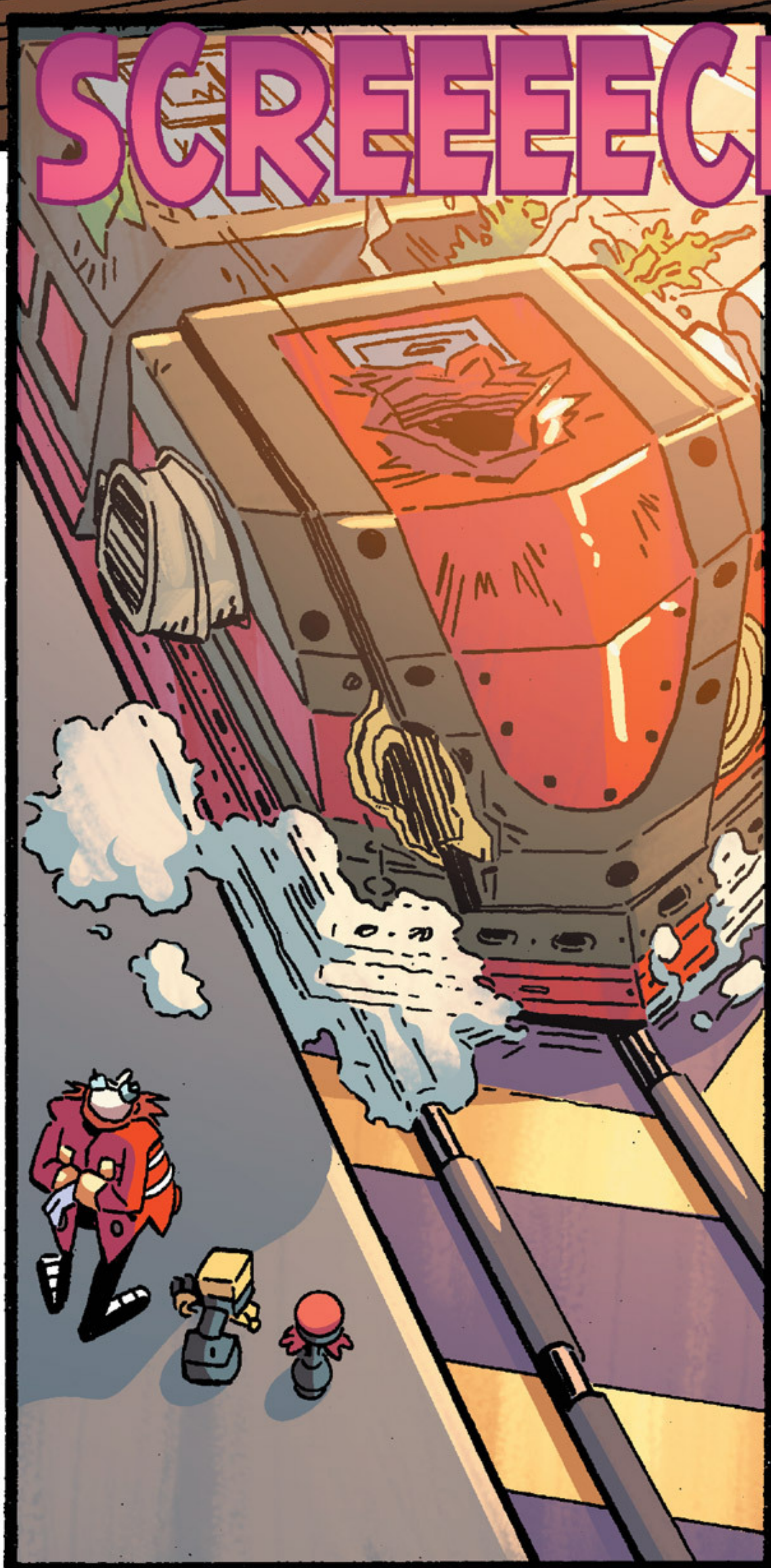
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C'MON, CHUCK! IT'S ME. I CAN HANDLE WHAT-EVER COMES MY WAY.

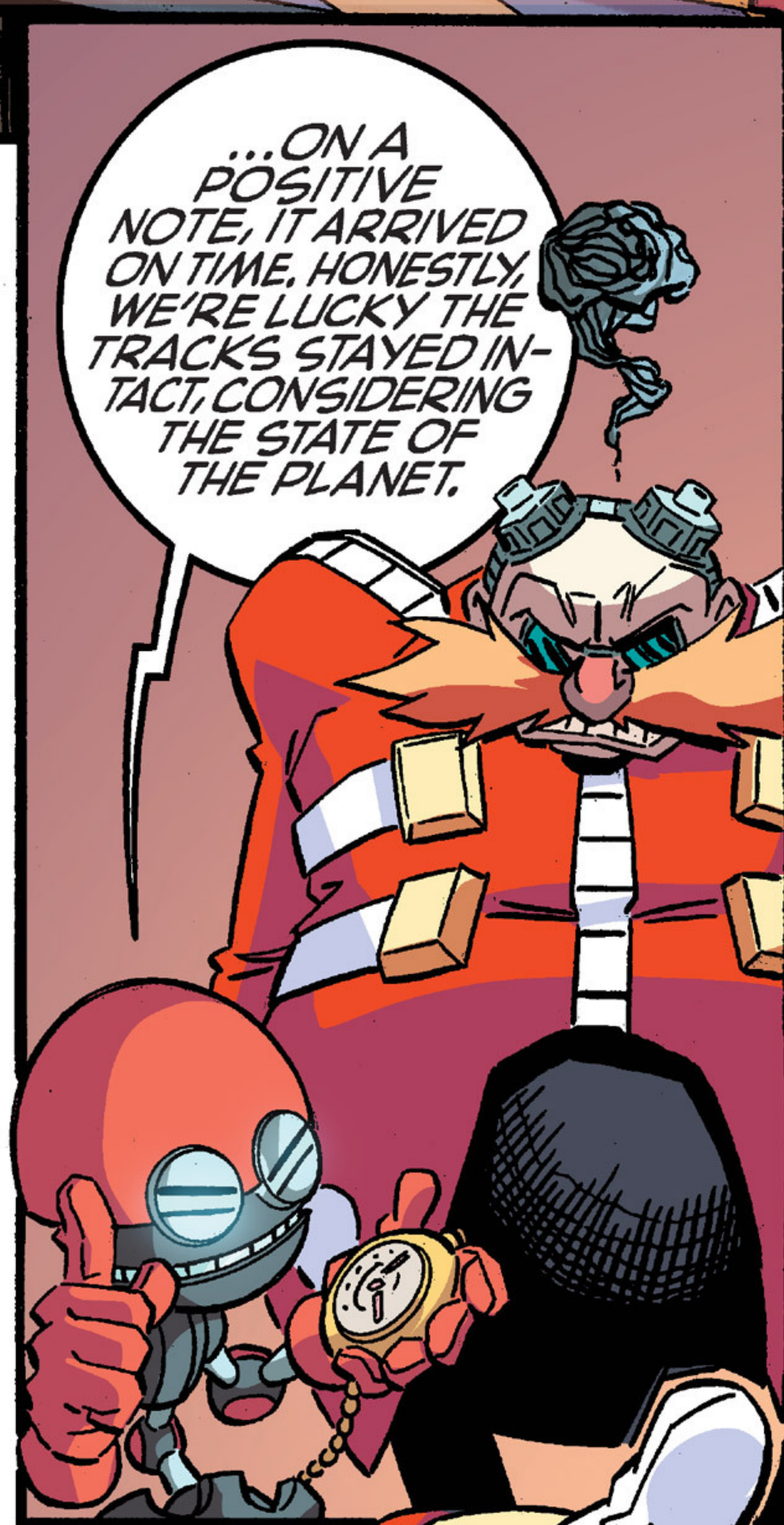
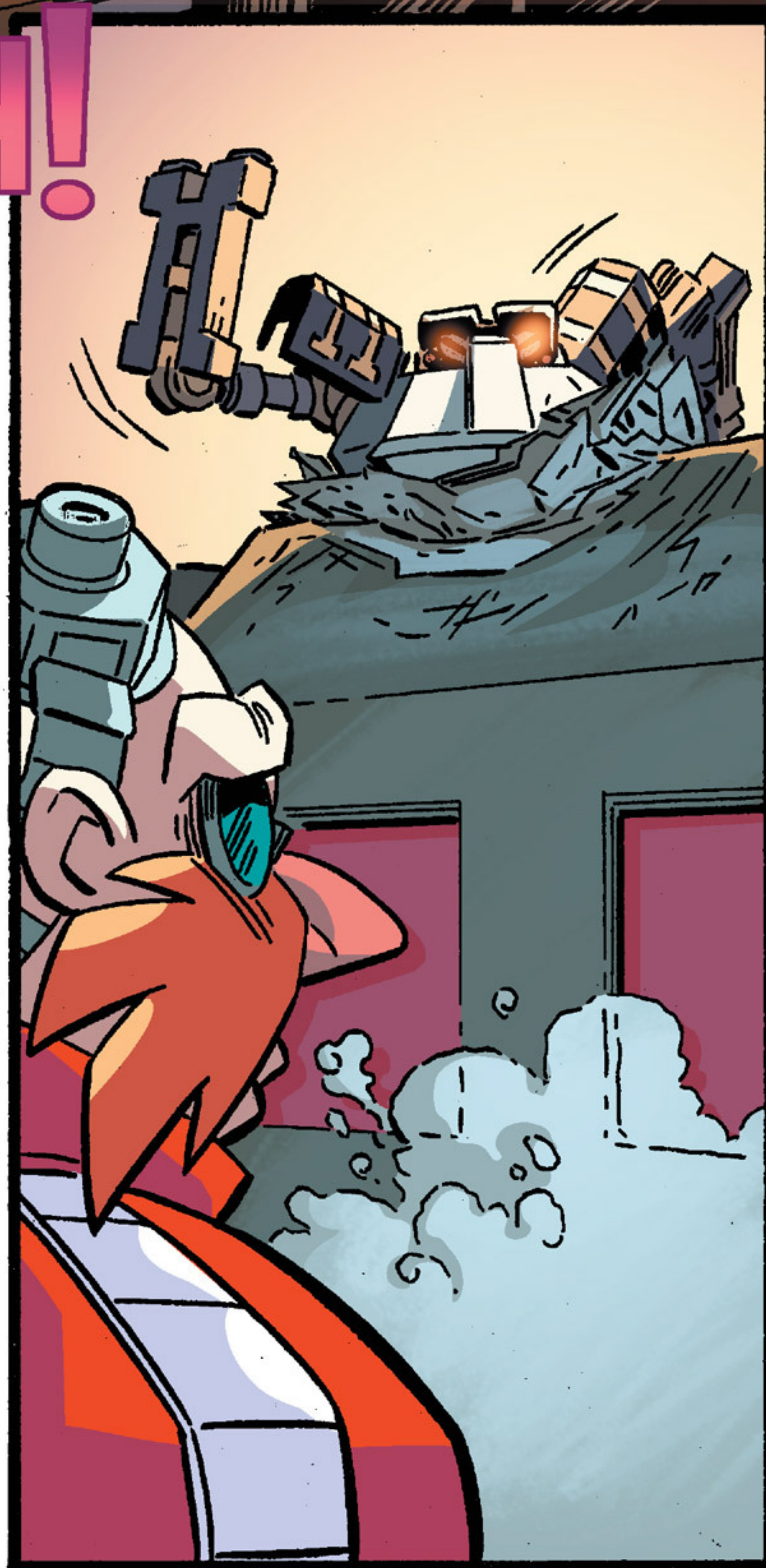
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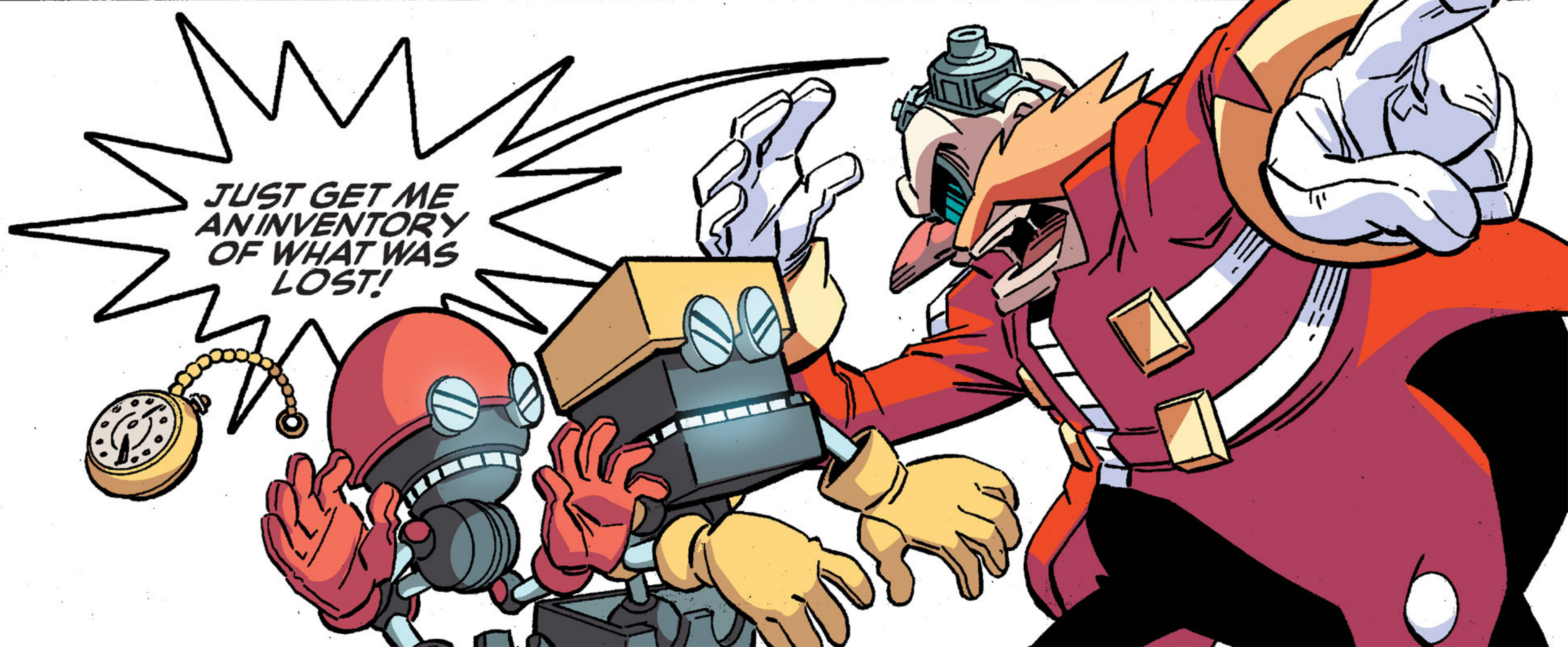
SCREEEECH!



SCREEEECH!



...ON A
POSITIVE
NOTE, IT ARRIVED
ON TIME. HONESTLY,
WE'RE LUCKY THE
TRACKS STAYED IN-
TACT, CONSIDERING
THE STATE OF
THE PLANET.



JUST GET ME
AN INVENTORY
OF WHAT WAS
LOST!

SHORTLY...

THE GOOD NEWS IS YOUR MUNITIONS AND FUEL SUPPLIES ARRIVED INTACT.

AND THE BAD NEWS?

AND
THE
BAD
NEWS
?

A comic book panel featuring two robots. In the foreground, a red robot with a large head and a visor is shown from the chest up. It has a speech bubble coming from its mouth. In the background, a yellow robot with a boxy head and a glowing blue mouth is holding a flaming torch. The torch's flame is large and orange and yellow. The yellow robot is also holding a black bag. The background is a simple greyish-blue. The speech bubble contains the following text:

... TOTAL
LOSS OF THE
BADNIK UNITS,
ALL YOUR FOOD
PROVISIONS
SPOILED, YOU
LOST BOTH
CAPTIVES,
AND YOUR
CUSTOM-ORDER
FOOSBALL
TABLE SHALL
FOOS NO
MORE.

...AND YET YOU'RE NOT THROWING A TANTRUM.

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I GOT
WHAT *REALLY*
MATTERS.

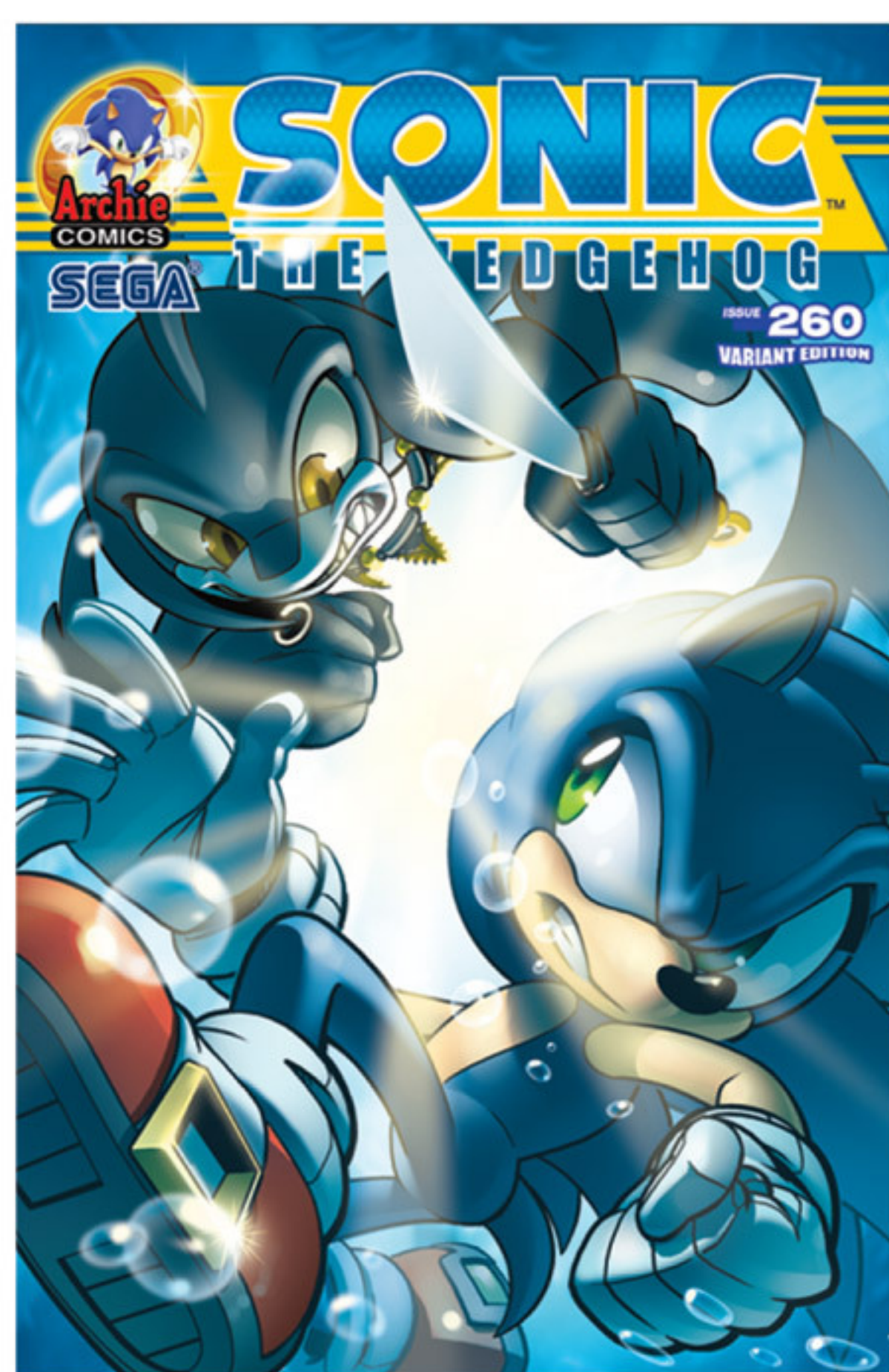
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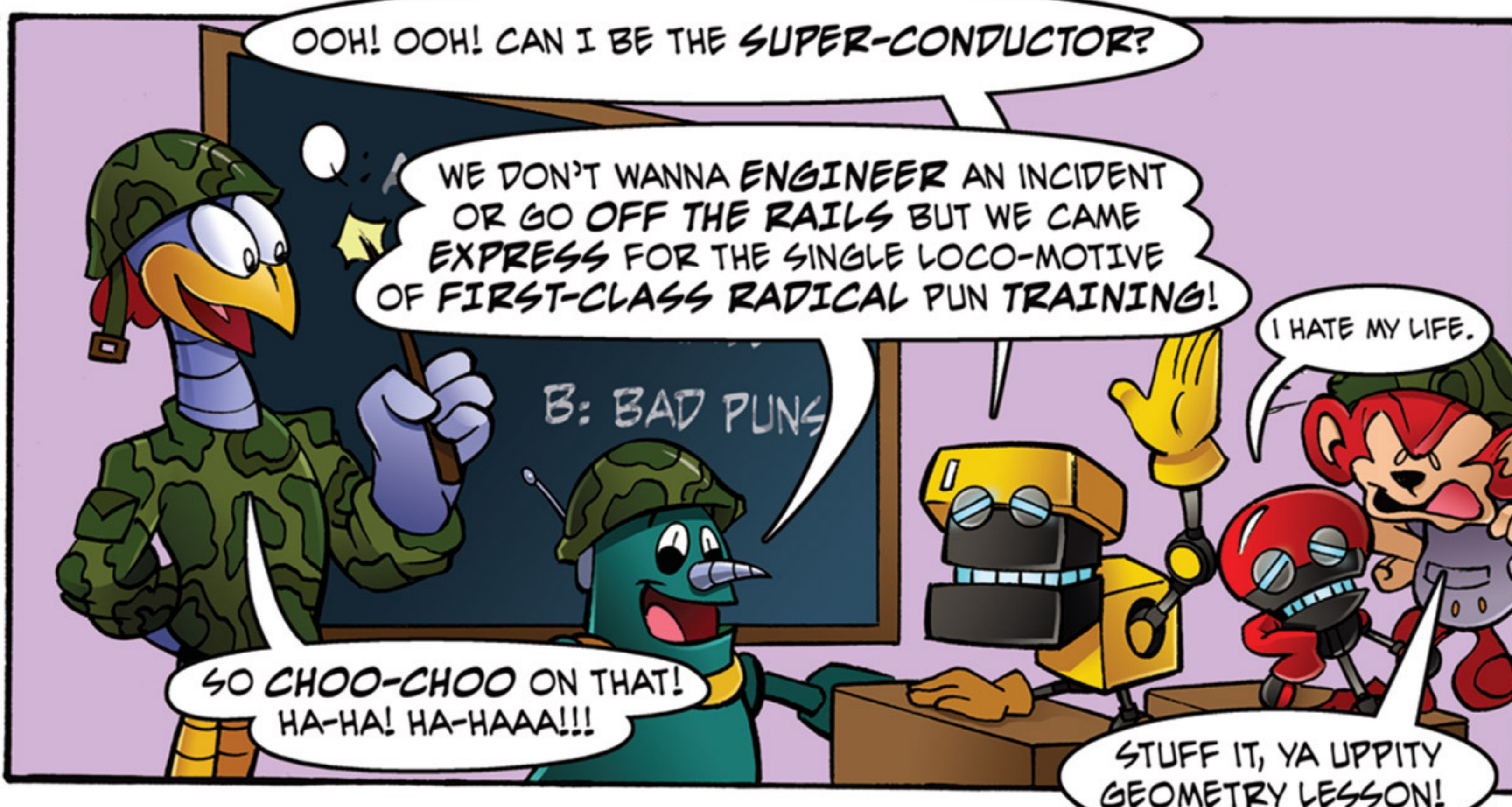
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Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

Hello! This is my first time writing a letter to you guys!

There's a first time for everything! Hopefully this will be the start of a trend!

I have so many questions to ask you, so I hope you can answer them.

Serving up the usual, with a side of awesome sauce!

I know that the entire timeline of Sonic's world is reset and Sonic and his friends don't remember anything about their old timeline.

Sonic and the Freedom Fighters still remember bits and pieces of the old timeline, but their new memories have slowly begun to overshadow their original memories. Whether or not they completely take over has

yet to be seen!

My question is this: What happened to Knuckles, the Chaotix, and the rest of the characters that have gone missing? Did their memories of the old timeline vanish too?

You'll find out more about Knuckles and the Chaotix really soon in their all-new story arc "The Great Chaos Caper," happening in Sonic Universe issues 63-66! I think you'll be pleasantly surprised to see which other characters show up!

Since the planet is breaking apart, is it going to be similar to the game Sonic Unleashed? I would love to see Sonic face Dark Gaia in the comics.

There will definitely be some strong similarities, but also a lot of differences! As you can see, Professor Pickle has already made his

appearance, and you might see another familiar face from that game appearing in Sonic Universe soon!

Tracy Yardley does a fantastic job with the pencil layouts in these Sonic comics, and I like them a lot. I guess that's it for now. I hope you respond to my letter.

From your biggest & loyal fan,
Jordan W.
from Wisconsin

Thanks for the letter, Jordan! We will pass your compliments on to Mr. Yardley!

That's all the room we have! See y'all next month for the start of an all-new adventure! Grab your goggles and swimsuits because we are about to dive into the "Waves of Change," part one of four!

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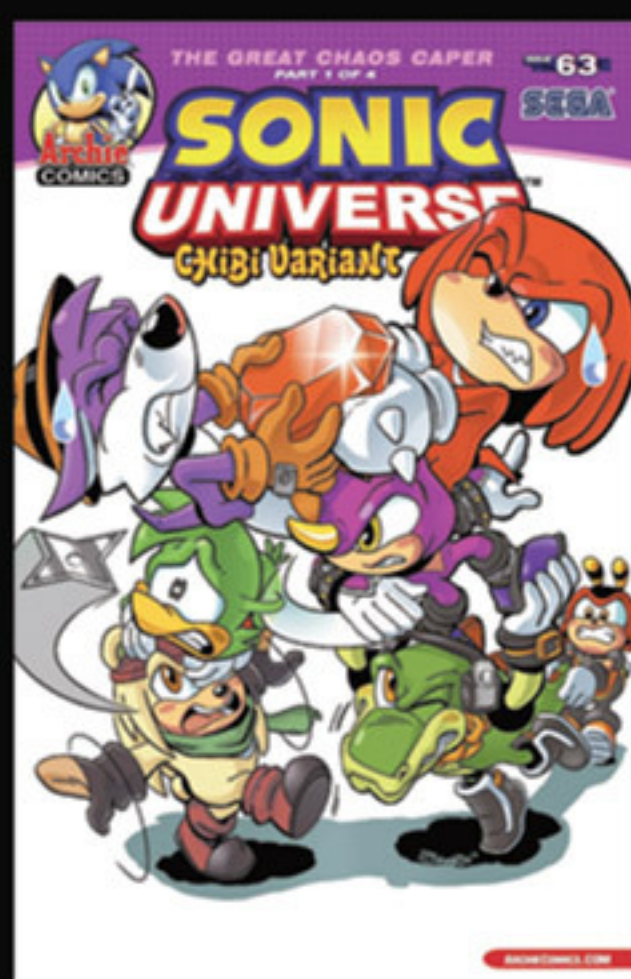
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CHAOS CAPER**
PART 1 OF 4

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LATER--EFRYKA
EGG BASE...

SIR!
DR. EGGMAN
ON THE LINE
FOR YOU!

NOW
WHAT?

AXEL
THE WATER BUFFALO
REGIONAL EGG BOSS

YES, SIR?
UH-HUH. UH-
HUH. WILL DO,
SIR. NO. YES,
I UNDERSTAND.
COMPLETELY
UNDERSTAND.
UH-HUH. THANK
YOU, SIR.

WHAT WAS
THAT ABOUT?
HE SOUNDED
SO URGENT!

PLIH, WHO
KNOWS? WE'RE
UNDER STRICT
ORDERS TO
DEFEND THIS
BASE **NO**
MATTER
WHAT.

"APPARENTLY HE'S
FOUND SOME NEW
FASCINATION WITH
ANCIENT
TEMPLES..."

THE **CHASE** IS OVER
--BUT THE **RACE** IS ON!
WHERE ARE THE **CHAOS EMERALDS**?
WHERE ARE THE **GAIA TEMPLES**?

THE SEARCH BEGINS NEXT TIME!

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